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## Edward J. Crawford, Living North of the City.

## WAS FOUND IN THE BARN

### Shortly Before Noon To-Day—He is a Farmer Leaving a Wife and Two Children—Coroner was Called.

Edward J. Crawford, a farmer living in Hickory Point township, four miles north of this city on the Bloomington road, committed suicide today. He hanged himself in the barn on his place.

He was found hanging in the barn shortly before noon today. As yet no cause for the deed has developed. Mr. Crawford was a well known farmer and had a wife and two children. Coroner Bendure was notified of the suicide this afternoon and left with Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure for the Crawford farm to hold the inquest. The message to the coroner came from Forsyth and simply stated that a man had hanged himself.

## PROF. PITZLIN MAY RETURN.

### It is Possible that He will Have Another Athletic Class in Decatur.

Prof. P. J. Pitzlin, the instructor in boxing and athletics, may return to Decatur this season to give a course of instruction Prof. Pitzlin held classes in Decatur one before and a large number of young men took lessons from him in boxing, fencing and athletics. Prof. Pitzlin has written to one of his former pupils that he will come to Decatur if there is any chance of his getting a sufficient number of pupils to pay him. He is now in Quincy. His classes and entertainments were quite popular when he was here before and the professor would doubtless have no trouble in securing a large number of pupils if he should return.

## TWO-ACT PLAY.

### Varied Entertainment at the Uniform Rank Hall.

The members of the Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, will give a varied entertainment to-morrow night at the hall Powers' block. There will be a two act comedy-drama entitled "Timothy Delano's Courtship," after which there will be cards and dancing. Refreshments will be served during the evening. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody to be present. Admission 10 cents.

### Retail Grocers.

I wish to inform you that I have secured the distributing agency of James Heekin & Co.'s celebrated Cincinnati High Grade Coffees. In presenting these coffees to you I do so with the assurance that they possess absolute high grade qualities, being unsurpassed in purity, strength and fine flavor. I would be pleased to have you investigate this line of highly recommended coffees. For the proof of good coffee is in the drinking thereof. Yours truly, D. F. Riddell.—15-d2t

### Sales of Real Estate.

John F. Mattes to Fredrick Mattes, 23¾ acres in 2, 16, 2 east; $10,000.

Charles E. Howard to Daniel Knotts, a lot in 19, 16, 2 east; $10,000.

Samuel McBride to Sarah E. Munson, the south half of the west half of lot 32 in Wallace & Snyder's addition of outlots to Decatur; $3000.

Edward Z. Crawford to Barton W. S. Clough, the west half of the northwest quarter 23, 17, 2 east, $6600.

Margaret N. Moyall to Sarah E. Kerwood, the south west corner of lot 1 of block 6 of Ritchie's addition to Warrensburg; $200.

A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. H. W. Bell, N L. Krone.

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# MAINE WARSHIP GONE DOWN IN THE HAVANA HARBOR

## Blown Up in the Night in a Mysterious Manner and 253 Americans Go Down to Death.

## WARLIKE FEELING OVER THE AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

### Captain Sigsbee Refuses to Express an Opinion as to the Cause of the Calamity.

### Blanco Insists That the Ship Was Destroyed by Accident--How Does He Know--Expressions at Washington and New York--President McKinley's Telegram of Sympathy and Instruction--Latest News from Havana---De-Lome Speaks.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Assistant Secretary of State Day this morning received the following message from General Lee: "The Maine blew up at 9:40 last night. The explosion occurred well forward under the men's quarters, consequently many were lost. It is believed that all of the officers are saved, but Jut Jenkins and Merritt who are not accounted for. The cause of the explosion is yet to be investigated. The captain general and army and navy officers rendered every assistance. Captain Sigsbee and most of his officers were on board the steamer City of Washington at the time. Others were on the Spanish gunboat and in the city. I am with Captain Sigsbee who has telegraphed the navy department."

## CAUSE OF EXPLOSION.

### James Howe, the Ship's Cook, Able to Tell a Story.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Evening Telegram's Havana special says: James Howe, the ship's cook, the least injured of any of the Maine crew, was brought in while I was there.

I asked him how it happened. "I don't know," he replied. "I turned in my hammock at 8 o'clock and heard three bells strike I don't remember anything more until I felt myself turning over and over, falling heavily upon the deck through a mass of smoke. I got upon my feet and worked my way to the main deck. When I got there the superstructure of the deck was dipping under water. I jumped overboard and kept from being drawn down by the suction. I was picked up by a boat of the Spanish man of war."

As far as I can learn now the explosion took place in the magazine used for the storage of gun cotton for the torpedoes.

The vessel lies with the bows wholly submerged, only a part of the stern showing

The explosion, which shook the city from end to end, created the wildest excitement. All the electric lights were put out by the shock. The fire engines rushed madly about. No one knew for certain from which direction the explosion came.

## EXCITEMENT AT WASHINGTON

### Telegrams from the Naval Commanders—Speculations.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The navy department was the scene of intense excitement this morning. The first news from Commandant Forsyth at Key West, who wired that he has been notified by Captain Sigsbee of the Maine to inform Admiral Sicart, in command of the North Atlantic squadron, that the Maine had blown up and was destroyed. He requested the lighthouse tender to be sent to Havana and added that many were killed and wounded. Commandant Forsyth further said that the lighthouse tender Mangrove left Key West at 5 o'clock this morning for Havana and that the tug Fern would probably follow her at once. The second dispatch said that he had sent the torpedo boat Erlcson to Admiral Sicart at Dry Tortagas, with a message concerning the disaster to the Maine. Captain Dikens, chief of the navigation bureau, expressed the opinion that the explosion took place in the magazine of the Maine. This was evident for the reason that the ship was afloat an hour after the explosion. Had a torpedo been fired under the battleship she would have sunk almost immediately.

## MANY MISSING.

### Those Escaped Death Who were Able to Swim—Blanco Gave Help.

Havana, Feb 16.—Two officers and more than 200 of the crew of the battleship Maine, wrecked in this harbor by an explosion last night, are missing. Some of the crew, who were able to swim, kept afloat till picked up by boats. Six of the wounded crew and one officer have been taken to the military hospital by General Blanco's orders.

## DE LOME LOVES AMERICA.

### What He Had to Say To-Day—Declares There Will be No War.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Ex-Spanish Minister, De Lome, heard the news of the disaster to the Maine at his hotel this morning. At first he refused to credit the news, but when the truth dawned upon him he said:

"It's terrible. I pray God the news has been exaggerated. You may be sure of one thing, however, no Spaniard did this. The Spanish ministry and Spanish people have been greatly misunderstood in this country. They all desired peace. They all want peace with America and Americans, not only from motives of policy, but because they love America. I am forced to say now by this terrible affair what I should have been precluded from saying before. There is no country in the world I love as I do America. I love the country and the people and it is with the keenest regret that I take my leave as the result of this unfortunate letter incident. Nearly all prominent Spaniards and men of influence in my country share my views in regard to America. Spain cannot afford to go to war with the United States. If only from motives of policy they are determined not to have war. Such a thing is out of the question If the Maine was blown up in the Havana harbor it is the result of an accident. That's certain. THERE WILL BE NO WAR."

## NEWS AS SPANISH LEGATION

### Captain General Blanco is Positive as to Cause in His Message.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The news of the disaster was learned at the Spanish legation with horror and was the occasion for many expressions of most profound regret and condolence. Early Du Bosc, chargo d'affairs, received a message from Captain General Blanco, dated Havana, 3 o'clock this morning, which read as follows: "With profound regret I have to inform you that the American ship Maine in this harbor, blew up by undoubtedly chance accident, believed to have resulted from the explosion of the boiler of the dynamo. Immediately following the accident, all forces hastened to extend every aid possible. These included the force of marine, fire brigade and all generals in Havana, among them my chief of staff. There have been deaths and wounded. I have sent an aide de camp to offer every assistance to the American consul that he may wish for. I will forward further details as soon as they become available.

(Signed) Blanco."

Du Bosc said to the Associated Press: "Of course I look with horror upon the mishap, which was due solely and simply to an accident. That is the clear and unequivocal statement of the authorities at Havana and all evidence goes to sustain it."

Du Bosc hastened to the state department for the purpose of expressing deep condolence to the authorities.

### Blanco Again.

Madrid, Feb. 16.—Captain General Blanco has cabled the authorities here and at Washington that the disaster to the Maine was due inuisputably to an accident.

Gen. Fitzhugh Lee, Present U. S. Consul General at Havana.

## GREAT LOSS OF LIFE.

### Captain Sigsbee's Telegram Today to Long, Secretary of War.

Washington, Feb. 16.—While with the president, Secretary Long received the following message from Captain Sigsbee: "I advise the sending of a wrecking vessel at once. The Maine is submerged, except the debris, which is mostly work for the divers now. Jenkins and Merritt are still missing. There is little hope that they are safe. Those known to be saved are: Officers 24, uninjured; crew, 18; the wounded, now on board the Ward Line steamer and in the city hospital and at hotel, 59, as far as known. All others went down on board or near the Maine. Total lost or missing 253.

"With several exceptions no officers of the Maine have more than a part of a suit of clothing, and that is wet with harbor water.

"The Ward steamer leaves for Mexico at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

"The officers saved were uninjured.

"The damage was in the compartments of the crew. I am preparing a telegraph list of the wounded and saved. The Olivett leaves for Key West at 1 p. m. Will send by her to Key West the officers saved, except myself and Wainwright, Holman, Henneberger, Ray and Holden.

"Will turn over three uninjured boats to the captain of the port with a request for safe keeping. Will send all wounded to the hospital at Havana.

(Signed) Sigsbee."

## NEARLY 420 DEAD.

### Latest Information as to the Extent of Loss of Life.

New York, Feb. 16.—A Havana special to the Evening Telegram says. Of the crew of 450 men and officers, only 33 are known to have been saved.

### The News at Madrid.

Madrid, Feb 16.—The first news received here direct from Havana said the explosion on the Maine was caused by fire and that the warship, enveloped in flames, afterward sank.

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE.

### McKinley Expresses Profound Sympathy for the Crew.

Washington, Feb. 16.—About noon Secretary Long received the following unsigned telegram from Havana: "Only two officers are unaccounted for. The explosion was forward, with all indications that it was in the magazine, but cannot tell till after investigation. The sentry on the top-deck reports that no boats were in the vicinity of the ship when the explosion occurred."

A telegram from G. B. Rea, said to be a newspaper correspondent, said: "No excitement. All quiet. Only feelings of sympathy and sorrow for the accident."

Another statement was that the missing will probably number 270.

Secretary Long sent the following: "The president directs me to express for himself and the people of the United States profound sympathy with the officers and crew of the Maine, and desires that no expense be spared in providing for the survivors and the care of the dead."

## BUTLER'S OPINION.

### He Believes that a Bold Spaniard Caused the Wreck.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The greatest interest prevailed among the senators and representatives as to the extent of the Maine disaster. With only the first report before them and in recognition of the gravity of utterances, there is a hesitancy to express opinions. The immense gravity of the situation, in case later advices should show the disaster was not accidental, is admitted by all. Chairman Hitt of the foreign affairs committee, Chairman Dingley of the ways and means committee and members of the naval committees of the house all said they preferred to await fuller information before expressing themselves. Mr. Hitt said it would be well for the public to follow the cue given by Captain Sigsbee and suspend judgment till the cause of the disaster is ascertained. Ex-Senator Butler of South Carolina, member of the committee on foreign relations during his service, was of the opinion that some bold man had gone aboard among the many doubtless allowed to visit the ship, and had placed grenade with a slow match where it would explode the magazine Members of both houses, as a rule, expressed the opinion that there should be no publication that the catastrophe was the result of an accident, but there were some opinions, generally expressed under breath, with the admonition not to publish anything, to the effect that the affair looked very mysterious and doubtful.

## FEELING IN NEW YORK.

### Captain Sumner Believes the Explosion Due to Spanish Villainy.

New York, Feb. 16.—Captain Sumner, acting commandant of the navy yard, said: "It is impossible that the blowing up of the Maine was due to an accident The magazines were closed at sundown and the passage ways and ammunition elevators are guarded at all times by men who shoot on sight any man or men caught tampering with them." Later Captain Sumner denied that he gave expression to the foregoing published statement.

## SIGSBEE IS SILENT.

### He Declines to Express an Opinion as to Cause of Wreck.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Two members of the cabinet who spent some time with the president today, state that everything received indicates that the loss of the Maine was due to an accident. CAPTAIN SIGSBEE DECLINES TO EXPRESS AN OPINION.

### Latest.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Among the matter discussed by the president and the cabinet was the question of the expediency of immediately sending one or more warships to Havana to take the place of the Maine. The conclusion was reached that at present such a course was not desirable. It is authoritatively stated at the white house that the information so far received indicates that the loss of the Maine was the result of an accident. In absence of evidence to the contrary, this should bee assumed to be a fact.

## TRIED TO SAVE THE SHIP.

### Captain Sigsbee Was on Deck—Brave Work of Maine Marines.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Telegram's Havana special says: "Captain Sigsbee was on deck when the explosion came It was in the bow. The sentry stationed there had seen nothing suspicious. Here are a few of the survivors brought ashore: Lostus, Shea, Carther, Smith, Load, Durkee, Kane, McNair, Ruske, Bronan I have talked with some of the officers and seamen. One officer said: "When I got out on deck the fire had started forward. There was a good strong breeze. The call for all hands on deck was promptly obeyed and men and officers were perfectly cool. All possible efforts were made to check the flames without avail. The flames spread rapidly. Several explosions occurred. The magazines were burst open and explosives thrown overboard. In half an hour it was apparent that nothing could save the ship."

## CAUSE OF WRECK

### Officers of the Maine Give a Statement for Publication.

New York, Feb. 16.—The Evening World's Havana copyright special says: "The officers of the Maine state that the explosion was in the central magazine. The vessel was raised out of the water and went partially to pieces." The dispatch continues: "All but the surgeon were in the ward room at the moment of the explosion. Then came a stupendous shock. All the officers below rushed on deck, but could get no furhter forward than the middle superstructure. Only a very few of the 350 sailors ever got from below. The water rushed over them and many were stunned and drowned, not mangled. It is not likely that more than 40 sailors were saved. The officers on deck narrowly escaped. In the junior officer's mess all had to clamber out through water and wreckage waist deep. All agree that a double explosion occurred. Out of the dense smoke came anguished cries for help to those on land and water. Simultaneously with the cessation of falling fragments of iron and wood from the wreck search lights were thrown on it. Spanish boats from the shore joined those of the steamer Washington in the rescue of those still alive."

## CONGRESS.

### In the Senate the Maine Disaster Was Ignored.

Washington, Feb. 16.—The senate ignored the Maine disaster and considered a resolution to prevent the confirmation of the Kansas Pacific railroad agreement.

The senate without action on the resolution went into executive session. Lee telegraphed from Havana: "I am not prepared yet to report the cause of the explosion."

The house took up the bankruptcy bill. Henderson of Iowa opened with a long explanatory speech.

The coast survey steamer Bache, now at Key West, has been ordered to Havana with the wrecking paraphenalia.

## STOCK MARKETS AFFECTED

### American Securities Clipped Off in London—New York Feverish.

London, Feb. 16.—American securities opened firm with the belief that the Cuban difficulty is ended. Later they broke rapidly on the news of the Maine disaster.

### In New York.

New York, Feb. 16.—The shadow of the Maine disaster was on the stock market, which opened a point off for many prominent shares. Part of the losses recovered on supporting orders, but the pressure was renewed, later the market becoming feverish.

## LIST OF THE SAVED.

### Official Statement Sent to Washington by Captain Sigsbee.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Captain Sigsbee has just reported to Secretary Long the following list of the saved:

CAPT. C. D. SIGSBEE,
LIEUT. COM. R. WAINWRIGHT,
LIEUT. G. F. W. HOLMAN,
LIEUT—. J. HOOD,
LIEUT. C. W. JUNGEN,
LIEUT. G. P. BLOW,
LIEUT. J. J. BLANDEN,
SURGEON S. G HENNEBERGER,
PAYMASTER C. M. RAY,
CHIEF ENGINEER C. P. HOWELL,
CHAPLAIN J. P. CHADWICK,
ENGINEER F. C. BOWERS,
LIEUT. OF MARINES A. CATLIN,
ASSIST. ENGINEER J. R. MORRIS,
CADET J. P. HOLDEN,
CADET W. T. CLUVERIUS,
CADET R. BRONSON,
CADET P. WASHINGTON,
CADET A. CRENSHAW,
CADET J. T. BOYD,
BOATSWAIN F. E. LARKIN,
GUNNER J. HILL,
CARPENTER J. HELM,
CLERK B. M'CARTHY.

The following sailors are reported saved: Redon, Larson, Hillberg, Bullock, Mellville, Willis, Gaipin, Kushida, Nophin, Turpin, Harris, Lutz, Jertson, Holland, Herbert, McDevitt, Foley, Hutchins, Sowhartz, Richards, Teackle, Flynn, Dressler, David, Michaelson, Zehman, Fox, Wilbur, Waters, Anderson,

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# A Northern Love-Light.

BY CLARENCE PULLEN.

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SYNOPSIS

The ship "Amaranth" is taking on a cargo of cryolite at Ivigtut, on the Greenland coast. One afternoon Laida Warhope, the captain's daughter, and Harry Upshur, a young scientist who has made the voyage with them, start out in the ship's dory for a sail. A fog settles around them, and they drift upon a moving ice pack, on which they manage to land The boat is washed upon the ice on a wave caused by a part of a passing iceberg's falling into the sea In the locker of the dory they find provisions, a rifle and ammunition They erect an oar, flying a red silk handkerchief, for a signal Upshur assures the girl that her father will search for them as soon as the fog lifts, which happens during the night. The young people entertain each other as best they can. The young scientist has long been in love with Laida, but she has refused him Laida shows Upshur her talisman, a fine diamond, and tells a strange story of how she got it, when a child, in the Malay peninsula. She moves the gem before Upshur's eyes, and he appears to be hypnotized While in this condition Laida makes him write something on a tablet. During the night the young man kills a great polar bear that is about to attack them. He then skins it Just before daybreak there is a magnificent display of northern lights Upshur remembers a belief of the Greenland people that you may whistle the lights down to you if you catch the note to which they move. He resolves to try, and begins to whistle.

PART IX.

Upshur continued to whistle, while beneath the red canopy overhead the shimmering ranks of fire, blithely coursing the heavens, seemed to advance and lower in response to his calling note. The lapping waters took on a purplish tinge and threw back from their sombre depths a spark and glow like smouldering fires of a crater. Upon the ice field the gray tints of the darkness brightened into pink traversed by wandering fires like those of an opal. These effects seemed to heighten and vary with the volume of the whistling and the completeness with which it caught the lilt and rhythm of the movement of this celestial carnival.

"It is to the music of the spheres that they respond," murmured Laida. "Could a human voice but grasp that note—it could charm the earth, and sway the planets in their course."

Upshur paused in his whistling to philosophize. "There is a scientific explanation of the phenomenon," he said. "The aurora, a phase of electrical action, are with us as well as about us, though it is only in the distance that they become apparent to the eye. By focusing our thoughts upon them, we become more susceptible to their visual aspect, and by our uttering a rhythmical sound, as whistling, their impression is augmented through harmony of the note with their movement. In other words we magnify our sensibility to their influence."

"Your explanation is a learned and profound one, no doubt," said Laida, a little impatiently. "But what particularly interests me is how far we can make them come our way when once we know their signal call. Suppose we try together."

As once more the whistling proceeded Laida's contralto voice, subdued and soft as a flute, blended with the sound in minor accompaniment. They caught the note of the dancing lights and as the voice expanded, still held low, its full, vibrant quality soon made it the dominant tone and the whistling became secondary to the contralto. Again the northern lights seemed to descend towards them and this time nearer than before. Still not rising in pitch, the contralto was reinforced and intensified until it seemed to fill all the space between them and the lights against the northern sky.

Nearer came the flame-lights and shifting sheens. The crimson curtain hung lower above the floe: the fiery sheaves beneath it were deploying close at hand. All the intervening space seemed glowing ether which undulated and vibrated to the sound of Laida's singing. Upshur's whistling, its sound absorbed and vanished in the dominant note, had ceased, and there was heard only the sound of the contralto swelling forth to the air in cadence deep, thrilling and persuasive.

To him who saw and listened and to her who looked and sang had come a strange exaltation of spirit, and the glow of the ether seemed transfused into their veins. Their consciousness of existence was as of disembodied souls afloat upon a roseate tide of sight and sound.

Her voice, ever in a minor key, singularly resonant, kept up a chant or crooning rather than a song. It was varied with strange interludes of bird calls and other notes of tropical forests given with perfect naturalness of intonation and expression. So much of her words as could be distinguished were in a tongue, smooth and liquid, unknown to Upshur's ear.

So she sang, while her voice dropping to lower cadence seemed more strongly to attract the shifting lights which, in ceaseless play of flame and color, advanced and receded about the two. In a soft dove call her voice died to the ear, while the flame-light, like a glowing veil circling above her head, expanded in similitude of the opened petals of a rose. There it remained an instant while with parted lips she stood as if still singing amid the hovering fires. Then the lights vanished northward and of all their glory there remained only a distant glimmering of serried bars and a pink flush fading down to the horizon. In the eastern sky was a streak of dawn and above it shone the morning star.

Again Laida sang, but her song in the presence of the harbinger of day was widely different from that which had been the valedictory of the flaming night. It was a melody which might have been her random choice, commending itself by its beauty, pathos, and the scope it gave to her voice. It woke a memory once painful, in Upshur, but in which the healing that had come with lapse of years had softened its sorrow. He had last heard the melody on that fateful evening when the hope with which he had declared his love to Laida had been dashed by a cold and cruel rejection.

Now the sting of a disappointment, which had been deep and lasting, was but faintly revived by this melody whose exceeding beauty invested all sad associations of the past, softened by long perspective, in the purple halo of pathos and romance. With a curious, half painful, half ecstatic feeling he listened to the wild song, caroled in the rich contralto voice, forth above icy wastes and waters. Once again, after the years that had passed, Laida was singing to him the air, "I Sacri Nomi."

In the fading flicker of the northern lights, before the splendor of the star that rose above the dawn, the fresh voice in its power and fervor soared free from the remote magic of the tuneless chant wherein the tropic fires appeared to invoke the cold incandescence of the North. Laida's song now was of the south, but it was wholly human. It was no more the command of an enchantress, it was the prayer of a woman. She no longer compelled the forces of electricity; instead she entreated the Divine powers.

Upshur listened entranced, while the song passed to the passionate enamored strains of the second movement. Fervent, thrilling and tender, the contralto voice, in its exquisite modulations, its heartfelt expression, carried him beyond himself and stirred his heart deeply with its sympathetic charm. It was not Laida, it was the captive, impassioned, barbarian princess invoking divinity in stress of overmastering impulses of love and despair

The song was ended, the northern lights had faded, but their glow was in the soul of her who sang and of him who listened The morning star was paling, the horizon's scope was expanding in the advancing light of cloudless day. But the rising dawn revealed only wider wastes of waters and of ice. To the south of west the two great icebergs seen at nightfall far to the north had drifted past them, and now loomed abeam of the pack, shutting from view a considerable reach of the sky and waters.

As the two castaways stood by the dory watching the rise of dawn in the eastern sky, Laida sang under her breath a random phrase of the song she had been singing; then stole a glance into her companion's face.

"I had meant never to sing that again," she softly said. "It has brought to me a memory I have tried to forget. The last time I sang it to you, such cruel and unjust words you said to me! Do you recall them? I do. 'It is not in your nature to love! I shall never ask you again!' But you have changed your mind."

"Why do you say so? Do you wish me to change my mind, that you may make me suffer again?" His voice was calm and measured, with a touch of repressed eagerness in it.

"I have your own words for it."

"My words! When and where, pray?"

"Not long since. Do you doubt what I say? They are written in your own handwriting. Look at your tablets and see."

With a mystified and incredulous expression upon his face, he took the writing pad from his pocket and read: "She is a girl who can love—who does love."

"Do you deny your own written words?" she asked.

He did not answer her for, with an air of deeper mystification than before, he was reading the sentence that followed: "She will never marry any other man than me—and I said that I would never ask her again."

"In the name of all—how did this come to be written here? Have you bewitched my tablets as you once did me?"

"Oh, no; there is no witchcraft about it. But you gazed upon my talisman and it compelled you to tell the truth."

There was a tremulousness as well as mischief in Laida's little laugh as he turned toward her, trying to find a further explanation of the mystery of the inscriptions. Her upturned face was at his shoulder. Her eyes, shining and tender, rested a moment upon his, then fell, while her cheek mantled red beneath his gaze which passed from bewilderment to comprehension. Mystification, doubt, resentment vanished in the joy of the sudden revelation, and as she would have turned her face shyly away, their lips met in a long, lovers' kiss.

Together they sat upon the white bear's skin spread over the dory's stern, and talked as happy lovers talk, while the morning star faded in the flush of dawn, and the waters widened broad and shining about them in the light that ushers in the sunrise. No thought of disaster could appall, no fear of unknown dangers that might come could chill the warm glow in their hearts. Whether borne adrift on northern seas, to float undiscovered until the ice raft should fall to pieces beneath them, or rescued to pursue their united destinies in the sunshine of genial climes, there shone upon their pathway the lamp of

THEY TALKED AS HAPPY LOVERS TALK.

love, whose flame was kindled in the hearts of both beneath the illumination of the northern lights.

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The long dawn was brightening to sunrise. Laida's eyes were heavy after the excitements and watching of the night. Upshur pointed to the northeast where the sun would soon emerge above the horizon.

"Laida, dearest, before the sun comes up had you not better try to sleep?" he said: "I will keep lookout from the ridge, in hopes to waken you with good news."

She gave a sleepy sign of assent. While he busied himself in arranging the blankets upon the bearskin, she took the pendant with its chain from her throat. She handed them to Upshur.

"Take the diamond and keep it," she said. "With you I need no talisman. Whatever fortune, good or bad, shall come to us, we share together."

Half buried in her sumptuous couch, lapped by the long thick fur of the white bear's skin, with the grim head and claws lowering from the dory's side as if to guard her slumbers, Laida with half-shut eyes watched Upshur pacing his beat until her eyelids closed in dreamless slumber.

Dawn charged to sunrise, and the great luminary appeared in the northeast, cutting his long, slanting path upward through the horizon until, fully risen, he seemed poised at the meeting line of sky and water. Beneath the level beams the dark waters became sparkling blue, and the two icebergs on the southwest were transmuted into mountains of glittering crystal.

Upshur climbed the ridge and stood near the pennant, looking around for what the full sunlight might reveal. Far distant, in the east, the Greenland coast cliffs, with the white-capped uplands behind them, lifted low above the water. On the south extended the interminable reaches of the ice pack. Upon the north, and west and southwest the ocean stretched to the horizon line, broken only by the two great icebergs near at hand, some distant ones far in the north, and a school of whales disporting themselves off to the west-

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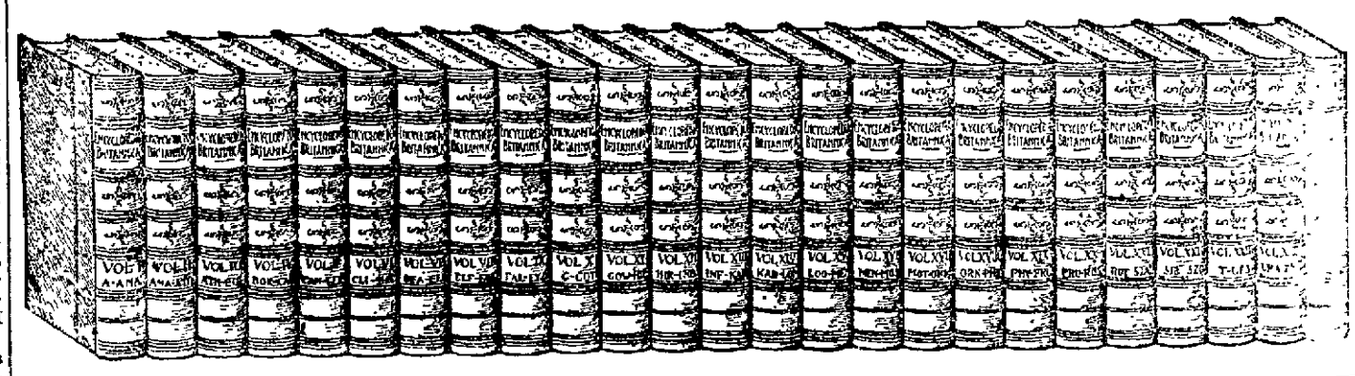

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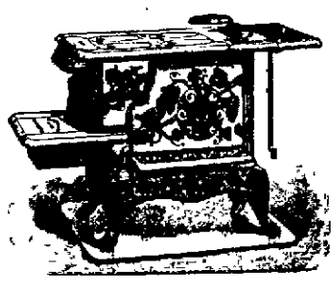

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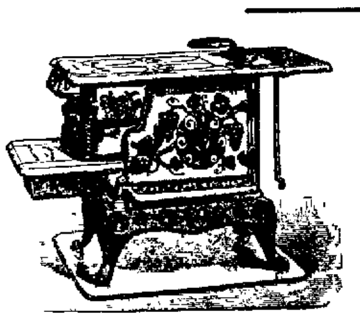

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## LOCAL NEWS.

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Judge Schofield of Carthage, has been engaged to deliver an address on "Good Citizenship" on March 30.

See those elegant pianos on sale at the C. B. Prescott music house. They are the Reed & Son's and Haines upright instruments. Easy terms.

Arnold's Bromo-Celery cure headaches. 10, 25, 50 cts. Bell, the druggist.

Retail grocers will hold their regular meeting Thursday evening, February 17, at 144 East Main street All grocers, whether members of the association or not, are invited to attend.

Alderman Keefe' has declared himself opposed to the adoption of an ordinance requiring all water takers to purchase water meters.

The Maroa Building and Loan Association has been incorporated with a capital of $500,000. The incorporators are Samuel A. Friedman, Frank Stroud, I. M. Hill, B. F. Shipley and B. D. Gray.

O, that supper at the Baptist church on Thursday Yum! yum!—16-d2t

T. M. Keas received a message from Carlinville stating that his brother, Franklin Keas, had died there Tuesday morning, after a short illness. He was 62 years old. He was survived by three sons and three daughters. Mr. Keas departed for Carlinville this morning.

The general aid society of the Christian Tabernacle will give a general social Thursday evening, February 17, at the church. The ladies will serve oysters and coffee for 15 cents. Ice cream, cake and coffee 10 cents There will be a musical program. The hours will be from 6 to 11 o'clock. Everybody cordially invited.

The following are the members of the land seeking party on their way to Houston, Texas, with A. O. Bolen as the manager: C. P. Thatcher, E E Dillatush, Peter Keaster, R. Gordon, T. A Gasaway of Decatur, Bert Vanborn, Dalton City, Frank Keaster, Emery; S. G. Braden, Maroa; D. S. Harris, D. A. Woodland, Maud Woodland, Arcola; G. T. Miller and Ann Miller, Cisco.

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### Will Give an Entertainment.

The members of the choir of St. James' German Catholic church assisted by the dramatic club, Prof. Soldan and the children of the school will give an entertainment on the night of February 22 at the Turner hall.

### Funeral of Mrs. Downing.

The funeral of Mrs W. T. Downing was held yesterday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from St John's Episcopal church. Rev. Bedford-Jones conducted the services and there was a large attendance. Music was rendered by a choir composed of Mrs. W. J Hostetler, Mrs Robert Mueller, C. W. Montgomery and John Patio. The pall bearers were Cal Waggoner, Theron Powers, Charles Corneau, Frank Elwood, G. W. Jenkins and Frank Caldwell. The interment was at Greenwood cemetery.

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## FIFTY YEARS AGO

### Justice and Mrs. Geo. P. Hardy were Married.

### GOLD'N WEDDING CELEBRATION

### Pleasant Home Gathering in Riverside Place—House Decorations and Guests—Yellow Gifts and a Fine Feast.

At the home of their son, Thomas C. Hardy at Riverside Place, Mr. and Mrs. George P. Hardy celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage last evening. The hours were from 8 to 10 and from 9 to 11, and during the evening 150 guests called to congratulate Mr and Mrs Hardy on having reached the golden period in their wedded life. The rooms were beautified by the artistic placing of palms, lilies, potted plants and cut flowers. The decorations were in green and yellow. In the parlors palms and lilies were arranged on stands and the mantles were banked with green foliage and blooming plant. The chandelier were entwined with smilax and the electric globes shaded with yellow shades. In the dining room the table was set in beautiful linen with a centre piece embroidered in yellow. Strands of smilax were taken diagonally across the table and at each corner caught up with bows of yellow ribbon A huge bowl of yellow roses stood in the centre of the table and the effect of the soft yellow glow of the shaded lights was most pleasing and beautiful

Mr and Mrs. Hardy stood in the front parlor to receive the guests. Assisting in receiving were Mrs. S. W. Johns, Mrs. G. C. Cook and Dr. and Mrs. Catherwood of Shelbyville. Mrs Hardy wore black silk and yellow roses. Among the large collection of presents received was a picture of the minister who united Mr. and Mrs. Hardy in marriage. He is living at the age of 84 years at the home of a son in Nebraska. An invitation was sent him but owing to his advanced age it was impossible for him to be present and his letter of regrets was accompanied by the picture.

Guests from out of town were Dr and Mrs. Catherwood, Shelbyville; Mrs G. W. Cook, Shelbyville; Mrs. Witmuth, Shelbyville, Miss Emma Hardy, Bloomington; Miss Mollie Kirkman, Moweaqua Regrets were received from Boston, Lowell and Chelsea, Mass., Chicago and Beloit, Wis.

George Parker Hardy and Miss Sarah A. Surdan were married at 8 o'clock on the evening of February 15, 1848 at the home of the mother of the bride, Mrs. Mary Surdan, at Bloomington, Ill., by the Rev. George W. Manier. Seven children have been born to them, of whom but three are living. They are Mrs J. T. Ehrhart of Chicago, Mrs. Stephen Morehouse, T. C. Hardy of Decatur. After his marriage Mr. Hardy carried on a bakery and confectionery establishment at Bloomington until 1852, when they came to Decatur, but in January, 1853, left for Assumption, where he had a contract to construct four miles of the Illinois Central railroad From Assumption he went to Moweaqua to accept the position as station agent for the Illinois Central. Two years later he went into the merchandise and grain business and in 1868 came to Decatur, where he has since resided. Since coming to Decatur Mr Hardy has filled the position of city and town clerk for 10 years, that of county clerk for three terms and is now justice of the peace with an office on South Water street.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardy are members of the First Presbyterian church and Mrs. Hardy is a prominent Mason Each is 69 years of age.

## CORONER'S INQUEST.

### Held Yesterday Over the Body of the Late Edward J. Crawford.

Yesterday afternoon Deputy Coroner Roy Bendure held an inques over the body of Edward J. Crawford, who committed suicide by hanging himself in his barn on a farm south of Forsyth. Three witnesses were examined. One was Mrs Ida Crawford, the wife of the deceased. She said that she found her husband hanging by the neck in the barn shortly before noon on Monday. She had been waiting dinner for him and went to find him. Mrs. Crawford testified that her husband had been despondent since last December when he was disappointed in a land deal. W. A. Parker, who cut the man down, and T. R. McIntosh, who removed the rope from his neck, both testified. The jury returned a verdict that Crawford had come to his death by hanging himself in his barn with suicidal intent while in a state of despondency. The jury was composed of the following: Henry Mowry, foreman, G. B. Butler, Charles Drury, F. B. Parkhurst, V. W. Benton and J. B. Creekmur.

It appears that Mr. Crawford was greatly disappointed about a land deal. He had determined to buy the Ewing farm which was sold at auction some time ago but was unable to make the purchase. He had sold his own farm in order that he would have the money with which to purchase the other place. He was greatly disappointed that his bids did not purchase the farm he wanted and he allowed himself to brood over the matter so much in fact that is believed that his mind was unbalanced. He leaves a wife and two children. Mr. Crawford has lived in the vicinity of Forsyth for some time past and was well known and highly respected.

## THE BARD OF AVON.

### First Address by Miss Wadsworth on Shakespeare.

The first of the series of lectures on Shakespeare to be given by Miss Maria Wadsworth at the Woman's club this week was given at 4:30 yesterday afternoon. Miss Wadsworth is not a stranger to the members of the Woman's club of Decatur, having at one time given a series of lectures before the club on Thackery. The assembly room of the club was filled, a number of the teachers of the public schools and young women of the High school being present.

Miss Wadsworth talked of the purity of the women Shakespeare has created. He never created an impure woman. He has taken several from history, but we must distinguish from a creation and a portrayal of a character. The moral plane of Shakespeare's women has exalted social opinion A careful study will show him in advance of his time. In his treatment of women he was far in advance of his contemporaries and in all his works he has shown a tendency to humanize. We should not read Shakespeare's stories as poems, but as plays, as they were intended to be. Shakespeare does not make women bold or put them in male attire needlessly, much of the boldness of Shakespeare's women is for stage effect. None of Shakespeare's contemporaries have treated women so delicately. He was a student of the abnormal as well as the normal. He has pictured women with a delicate hand and in comparison with his contemporaries he is delicacy itself.

## STAGE PLAYS.

"THE HEARTHSTONE" TONIGHT.

"The Hearthstone," written by James A Horne, author of "Shore Acres," is noted for its unique plot, strong characters and clean, pure language. It was these characteristics that made "Shore Acres." "The Hearthstone," abounding in strong dramatic scenes, clean in dialogue and true to nature, is simple and touching, abounding at times with wit and humor, while again the pathos moves to tears. The play is cast with Metropolitan artists, and they carry all scenery used in the production and will appear at the opera house tonight

"THE SPAN OF LIFE."

That highly realistic play, "The Span of Life," which has a record in Boston and New York of playing to more people than any other play of its class during its stay, will be presented here at the Grand next Friday evening, February 18, by the original company, under the personal direction of Mr William Calder, who first produced this remarkable play in England. "The Span of Life" has one distinguishing feature that is certainly its own; it has been translated and played in the French, German, Russian, Belgian and Swiss languages and has also enjoyed a prosperous run in Australia. All the massive and magnificent scenic effects are carried with this organization.

"HALF A KING"

After weeks of patient negotiation the management of the Grand opera house is able to announce the positive appearance of Francis Wilson and his great comic opera company in "Half a King," on Monday, February 21. This will be Mr. Wilson's first and only appearance here and there is every indication that the event will figure as the most brilliant and successful of the theatrical year. It takes three cars to move this organization about the country and the enterprise is one of imposing dimensions in every respect One thing may be relied upon, Mr. Wilson will present his original company and the stage will be embellished with original scenery and properties. The sale of seats will open at the box office Friday morning at 8 o'clock sharp.

### The Street Railway.

The sixth annual meeting of the City Electric Street Railway company was held at 4.30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the office of the Shellabarger Mill and Elevator company. The usual dividend was declared and the following directors were elected: W. H. Starr, Harry Shlaudeman, W. L. Shellabarger, D. S. Shellabarger and W. L. Ferguson. There was no other business before the meeting and it adjourned. The directors will meet in the near future and elect officers. The reports submitted showed that the business of the company is in a more encouraging condition than at any time since 1893.

### Gave a Dance.

Last night the members of the A. O. H. gave a dance at the old Guards' armory. On next Monday evening the members of the organization will give their last dance before the beginning of Lent.

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## PRICES ARE GOOD

### Very Little Grain is Being Delivered in Decatur.

### EGGS ARE MUCH CHEAPER

### The Price Having Dropped Several Cents—Hogs Gone Up in Price—Poultry Deliveries are Light.

The prices offered in the local markets for grain are good but in spite of this fact scarcely any grain is being delivered. The roads are in such a bad condition that it is next to impossible for the farmers to haul the grain. As soon as the condition of the roads improves there will undoubtedly be large receipts as the prices are better than they have been for some time past. Both corn and wheat are higher than they were last week. The following are the prices quoted by the Shellabarger Mill and Elevator company: Wheat 95 cents per bushel white corn 27 cents mixed corn 26 cents white oats 23 cents mixed oats 22 cents, rye 35 cents

LIVE STOCK.

There has been no great change in the live stock market since last week excepting that the price of hogs has gone up. Danzeisen an Sons offer $3 to $3.50 for hogs

POULTRY.

The poultry receipts this week have been light on account of the bad roads. Max Atlas offers the following prices: Hens and springs, 6 cents per pound, stags 5 cents, roost ers 3 cents, ducks 5 cents, geese 5 cents, hen turkeys 10 cents, gobblers 8 cents, toms 6 cents

The price of eggs has dropped several cents. For a long time 14 cents was offered but the warm weather has caused the supply of eggs to increase and today 10½ cents per dozen is offered by Max Atlas Last summer eggs retailed as low as 10 cents and it is likely that if the warm weather continues they will again be as cheap inside of five or six weeks.

HIDES AND TALLOW.

Max Atlas offers for hides 8½ cents per pound and for tallow 3 cents per pound.

## THE POST OFFICE.

### Interior of the Building is Being Repainted and Renovated.

The interior of the postoffice is being entirely repainted. J. L. Drake, the owner of the building is having the work done and light drab and the walls will be calcimined in the same shade. The wood work in natural finish will be revarnished. The front part of the office is also to be painted,, but the colors have not yet been decided upon.

### Birthday Surprise.

Ernest Harkness was pleasantly surprised at his home Monday night by a delegation from the Sons of Veterans and the Ladies' Aid society in honor of his 20th birthday. Dancing and card playing were the features of the evening. Music was furnished by Charles Maxwell, Richard Harkness and Ernest Harkness. Those present were Joe Yaegle and wife, Albert Reubsamen and wife, Charles Maxwell and wife and Mrs. Minnie Garver, Misses Dona Gramp, Maggie Gloden, Lula Garrow, Myrtle Strader, Miss Hartbank, Jessie Hard, Nell Haley and Stella Fleming, Messrs Capt John Allen, George Stoy, Charles Smith, John Bechold, Ralph Wismer, Fred Wismer, James Garrow and William Harkness.

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## WEATHER.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Illinois: Increasing cloudiness, warmer, with rain or snow west tonight; Thursday probably rain; increasing southerly winds.

The cruisers that are looking for filibusters ought to be able to catch De Lome before he gets out of New York harbor.

President Dole will leave us but the country will remember that he had a nice pair of whiskers, and did not spend any time stroking them.

The country need not be surprised at hearing any time that Germany has discriminated against American pig iron on account of the pork worm.

When a nation that eats Limburger cheese kicks about American pork worm or a scale louse, not as large as the point of a cambric needle on an apple, it is about time to set up the beer.

Mr. Orr, chairman of the states Democratic committee announces that ex-Governor Altgeld has nothing to do with the projected love feast at East St. Louis., and is not expected to be there. Well if it is the sort of meeting that will keep Altgeld away, then it cannot be a love feast.

If congress finds out half as much about the war in Cuba as it has inquired for, instead of De Lome's pending proposition for a reciprocity treaty, which he characterized as a trick to deceive the administration, there will be blood on the moon

The news that Consul General Lee has not resigned is received with general gratification all over the country. Lee is admired for his courage and patriotism displayed in Havana on many occasions since the rebellion was first instituted in Cuba. The people have supreme confidence in him because they believe he will not temporize with the Spaniards at any turn of the road. The people want no temporizing with Spanish brutes.

The Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers has offered a protest against the running of steel works on Sunday, though it is understood that the action is simply formal, as many of the employes who were idle during the existence of the Wilson tariff are willing to work over hours to make up for the losses of that period. The steel plants throughout the country are all occupied, as are also the tin plate mills, which latter are in marked contrast with those of Wales, from which recent reports show that nearly one-half of the mills of that part of the world are idle.

The manufacturers of the country have not only found a much larger market at home since the enactment of the Dingley law, but have also been able to prove the inaccuracy of the Democratic assertion that the protective tariff would reduce their markets in other parts of the world. The sales of American manufactures to foreign purchasers in the five months' operation of the Dingley law, beginning August 1, 1897, and ending January 1, 1898, were in round numbers $118,000,000, which was in excess of the sales of manufactured articles in the corresponding months of the preceding year under the Wilson law.

Chairman Dingley and his Republican associates in congress showed their good judgment by ignoring the threats, expressed or implied, of the various countries which made protest against the Dingley tariff during its discussion. Not only have those countries bought more from us since the enactment of the Dingley law than they did in the corresponding months of the preceding year, but Argentina, from which a particularly vigorous protest came against the imposition of duties on her wool, hides, and other articles, has just put a new tariff law upon her statute books, in which she neglects to carry out any of the threats of retaliation or discrimination which were promised in case those features of the Dingley law were placed upon our statute books.

**Much Reason for Disapproval.**

American Economist: The retiring United States consul at Birmingham, M. G. F. Parker, who makes way for Mr. Marshal Halstead, the appointee of President McKinley, has been telling a local interviewer something about the manner in which Birmingham's trade with the United States has fallen off. In this connection the Birmingham Mail remarks:

The American tariffs imposed during Mr. Parker's presidency at the local consulate have hit some of the Birmingham exports very hard. The McKinley tariff act of 1890 nearly ruined the button trade with America. When Mr Parker came here that trade was practically in a state of inanition. In 1894, under the Wilson tariff act, passed in that year, the rates were reduced, and this export was able to revive, and has become fairly re-established. The policy pursued in the States has been to raise the duty—to exclude foreign competition as soon as a demand developed, which the home manufacturers sought to satisfy.

In addition to the loss of her trade in buttons because of the encouragement given to that industry in the United States there has been, for a similar reason, an almost complete cessation in the export of Kidderminster carpets to this country. Now we make our own carpets. Formerly Birmingham sent a large number of bicycles to America, but for the past three years not a single complete bicycle has been shipped to the United States from the Birmingham district. In addition to these instances of declining trade the Mail says:

The exports of steel and iron have run down to very small proportions, for the simple reason that we are now receiving these goods from America instead of sending them to her. Large importations of American steel and iron have been received in the Birmingham district within the past year.

Upon the whole, Birmingham has much reason to disapprove of the policy of Americanism as applied to American labor and industries.


WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY,

I will remain at the St. Nicholas Hotel with my line of materials and samples for ladies' shirt waists. I have over 1,000 styles of shirting and shirt waist material; of Cheviot, Madras, Pique, Oxfords, Etc. Many patterns are entirely exclusive but one order taken if desired. Material by the yard; will sell any amount desired. These goods will not be handled by the merchants of the city and this is your only opportunity to get the latest in shirt waists. A full line of novelties in ladies' and men's neckwear; novelties in jewelry, underwear and hosiery. The very latest in men's furnishing goods.

WILL LUKEY,
Senior member of the firm of Lukey & Gilbert, Men's High Grade Furnishers, Dexter Building, Chicago.


## ILLINOIS FARMERS.

**Next Week's Session at Champaign Will be Unusually Interesting.**

Champaign, Ill., Feb. 16.—The third annual meeting of the Illinois Farmers' Institute, which will be held in the halls of the University of Illinois, February 22, 23 and 24, promises to become the most memorable in the history of agriculture in Illinois. It will embrace eight sessions, at which an extraordinary array of excellent speakers will make addresses, and the program will cover every topic of interest to the farming community in the state.

Perhaps the most notable of the sessions will be the closing one the afternoon of February 24, when Governor Tanner will preside as chairman and addresses will be made by Governor J. A. Mount of Indiana, C. G. Luce, former governor of Michigan; George McKerrow, superintendent of farm institutes of Wisconsin, and W. C. Latta, professor of agriculture and superintendent of institutes for Indiana.

A sugar beet convention will be held at the university immediately after the close of the meeting, at which a number of experts in the sugar beet industry will make addresses.


STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, LUCAS COUNTY, } ss

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is the senior partner of the firm of F. J. CHENEY & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH CURE.

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## THE MAINE.

**The Great Ship Cost $2,588,000—874 Men on the Roll.**

Washington, Feb. 16.—The Maine is a battleship of the second class and is regarded as one of the best ships in the new navy. She was built at the Brooklyn navy yard and is 318 feet long, 75 feet broad, 21.6 mean draught and 6682 ton displacement. She carries four ten-inch and six six-inch breechloading guns in her main battery and seven six pounders and eight one pounder rapid firing guns and four gatlings in her secondary battery and four Whitehead torpedoes.

Officers of the Maine, besides Commander Sigsbee, are:

Lieutenant Commander Richard Wainwright.

Lieutenants—George F. W. Holman, John Hood, Carl W. Yungen.

Lieutenants (Junior Grade)—George P. Blow, John T. Blandid, Friend W. Jenkins.

Naval Cadets—Jonas H. Holden, Watt T. Cluverius, Amon Bronson, David F. Boyd, Jr., George Lucien G. Heneberger.

Paymaster—Charles W. Littlefield.

Chief Engineer—Charles P. Howell.

Passed Assistant Engineer—Fred C. Bowers.

Assistant Engineers—John Morris and Darwin R. Merritt.

Naval Cadets (Engineer Division)—Pope Washington, Arthur Crenshaw.

Chaplain—John P. Chadwick.

First Lieutenant of the Marine—Albertus W. Catlin.

Boatswin—Francis E. Larkin.

Gunner—Joseph Hill.

Carpenter—George Polms.

The Maine was built at New York in 1890 at a cost of $2,588,000. She had a steel hull and a complement of 874 men.

## CORN CONVENTION.

**Many Delegetes Gather in Chicago—The Food Question.**

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The first corn convention ever held met today. One hundred and fifty delegates are present from the corn-growing states. F. D. Coburn, secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture was chosen chairman. He said the object of the gathering was to devise ways and means to make the world at large appreciate the value of corn as food and for other uses He showed the average annual value of the corn product of the United States was more than 18 times that of the silver product and seven times the value of the combined output of gold and silver and equal to the combined product of wheat, oats, barley, buckwheat and potatoes.


**The Greatest Discovery Yet.**

W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa, Ill., "Chief," says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and sure cure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at J. E. King's and C. F. Shilling's drug stores.


Walnut Grove K. of P. lodge at Eureka, will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the order February 19, having secured Hon. T F. Donovan of Kankakee, as orator.


**Bucklen's Arnica Salve.**

The Best Salve in the world for Cuts Bruises, Sores, Ulcers, Salt Rheum Fever Sores, Tetter, Chapped Hands Chilblains, Corns, and all Skin Eruptions and positively cures Piles, or no pay required. It is guaranteed to give perfect satisfaction, or money refunded. Price 25 cents per box. For sale by J. E. King and C. F. Shilling.


The R. Crusen company of Paxton, have bought the Peterson hardware store at Lode, and have placed P. L. Strong in charge.


Whooping cough is the most distressing malady; but its duration can be cut short by the use of One Minute Cough Cure, which is also the best known remedy for croup and all lung and bronchial troubles. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.


Walter Shurts has rented his home farm, north of Delavan to Frank Drurey, retaining the residence and pastures for his own use.


A thrill of terror is experienced when a brassy cough of croup sounds through the house at night. But the terror soon changes to relief after One Minute Cough Cure has been administered. Safe and harmless for children. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.


## MARKETS.

CHICAGO, ILL., Feb. 16.

| | Opening. | Highest. | Lowest. | Closing. | Yest'day. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Wheat— | | | | | |
| Feb..... | — | — | — | — | 100 |
| May..... | 1 00 | 103⅜ | 99⅝ | 10 ¼ | 99⅝ |
| July..... | 86⅝ | 89⅛ | 86 | 89⅛ | 85⅝ |
| Corn— | | | | | |
| Feb..... | — | — | — | 29⅝ | 29⅛ |
| May..... | 31 | 31⅝ | 31 | 31⅝ | 30⅝ |
| July..... | 32⅛ | 32⅝ | 32 | 32⅛ | 31⅞ |
| Oats— | | | | | |
| Feb..... | — | — | — | 26⅝ | 26¼ |
| May..... | 27⅛ | 27⅝ | 27 | 27⅝ | 27⅝ |
| July..... | 24⅞ | 24⅞ | 24⅞ | 24⅞ | 24⅛ |
| Pork— | | | | | |
| May..... | 11.05 | 11.32½ | 11.00 | 11 10 | 11 17 |
| Lard | | | | | |
| May..... | 5.15 | 5 20 | 5.12½ | 5 12½ | 5 20 |
| Ribs..... | | | | | |
| May..... | 5.27½ | 5.35 | 5 25 | 5 30 | 5.32½ |

May wheat: Puts, —; Calls, —; Curb, —.

**To-Day's Receipts—Car Lots.**

Wheat—49; Estimated, 40; a year ago, 12
Corn—253; Estimated, 315; a year ago, 220
Oats—126; Estimated, 150, a year ago, 225.

**Estimates for To-Morrow.**

Wheat, 45; Corn, 275; Oats, 130.

**Hogs.**

Hog receipts, 38,000. Estimated, 38,000.
Market lower.
Light, $3 90@$4.13; Mixed $3 90@$4.16;
Heavy $4.00@$4.15; Rough, $3.90@$4.05.
Estimated for to-morrow, 37,000.

**Cattle.**

Cattle receipts, 16,000. Market lower.

## WHEAT UP TO $1.10.

**Expectation that the Prices Will Go Much Higher.**

Chicago, Feb. 16.—The wheat market was unusually active. The volume of trade was not large, but owing to light offerings the price moved up easily, May going 3¾ cents for the day and July the same amount. Shortly after the close curb wheat sold at $1.05⅝, while call went to $1 10¼. It is the expectation that prices will go still higher before the shorts cover all orders.

**Entertained Wednesday Afternoon Club.**

Mrs. Emil Sturm of West Decatur street entertained the Wednesday Afternoon club this afternoon. A new and original scientific game was introduced. Light refreshments were served. The entire membership of the club which is composed of ladies of the west and north ends of the city, were present.

**Pleaded Guilty.**

Wallace Bloom was in the county court before Judge Hammer today to answer a charge of petit larceny. He pleaded guilty and was fined $3 and costs, to stand committed until paid. The committance was suspended for 60 days and Bloom was sentenced to one day in jail, the sentence to be suspended on good behavior.

A. L. McKee has traded his 160 acre farm, a mile west of Roberts, for 240 acres of land in Wall township, Ford county.

"Grandma Scott, 899 years old, died in Mason City last week, after a week's illness.


**A Timely Friend.**

With perfect propriety may we call that excellent remedy, Salvation Oil, a timely friend. This liniment rapidly cures rheumatism, neuralgia and pains, when other remedies fail. Mr. Jno. M. Hall, Ashland, Va., writes: "I suffered with rheumatism in the ankle and the muscles connected therewith. Salvation Oil at once relieved the soreness, reduced the swelling, and cured the pain. No other liniment that I ever used did me so much good."


**Stockholders' Meeting.**

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Decatur Plumbing and Heating company will be held at their office on Tuesday, March 1st, 1898, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., for the election of officers and the transaction of such business as may come before said meeting.

O. W. DAWSON, Secretary.

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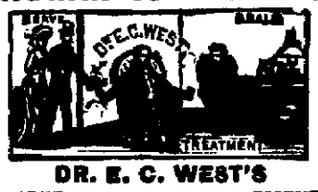


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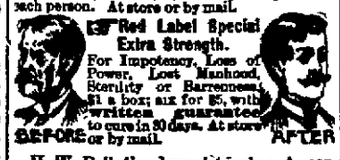


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LINN AND SCRUGGS
DRY GOODS & CARPET CO.

That Silk Sale...

is daily increasing in interest. Every day brings a crowd of shoppers and if you're looking for dependable silk goods at second rate prices we'll expect you here today. Some of the lots are meagre and several of the leaders that we announced on Monday have entirely left us. Here's a hint at the Bargain giving for tomorrow.

Fancy Figured Silks, worth 45c yd..... 29c
Fancy Checked Silks, worth 65c yd. 39c
Rich Figured Silks, worth $1 50, $1
Fancy Brocade and Figured Silks, worth 75c yard..... 59c
Irridescent Figured and Roman Stripe Silks, worth $1.25 yard, 79c

Dress Goods Selling...

of great magnitude. We planned for a lively trade, but scarcely expected such a throng as has visited us so far this week. These low price quotations, however, will be apt to make tomorrow the banner day of the entire week's marvelous selling.

AT 12½c YARD—A goodly assortment of choice dress materials—suitable for early spring wear—mostly plaids and similar patterns—an interesting collection of colors—all worth 19c yard. Thursday they're marked—
12½c yd

AT 25c YARD—Elegant showing of Scotch Checks, Bright, Vari-Colored Plaids, Mixtures, Jacquards, Mohairs, etc—light, medium and dark effects—the best materials that we've seen at 39c. Thursday their marked
25c yd

AT 39c YARD—Brand New Materials—choice weaves in Jacquards, Mohairs, Plaids, Checks and Mixtures—all this season's goods—correct forecasts of spring fabric fashions. Bought to sell at 50c yd. Thursday they're marked—
39c yd

AT 42c YARD—New Spring Goods—just came in a few days ago—English Checks, Scotch Mixtures and a good line of 44-inch Serges in a dozen pretty and popular shades—bought for a leader at 59c a yard. Thursday they're marked—
42c yd

AT 50c YARD—Fancy Checks, Tweeds and Mixtures, together with a special showing of Fine Serges in a score of fashionable colors—all new goods—been here less than a fortnight. Not exhibited elsewhere under 75c yard. Thursday they're marked—
50c yd



20 Per Cent.
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In order to entirely clean out our present stock of Winter Wear, we will give you one-fifth off on every Overcoat, Suit, Reefer, Pant and Heavy Underwear for Man, Boy or Child, which we have. In Kersey and Melton Overcoats, we are selling many of them at the price which we must pay for new ones, owing to advances in the cost of both material and labor, and at a discount of 20 per cent. from our prices they are remarkably cheap. This is your time to lay in a supply. We court comparison on prices.

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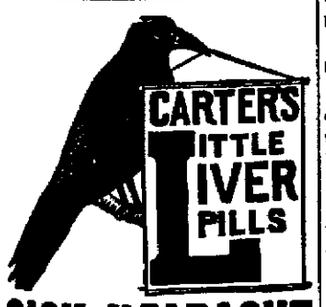


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## SPAIN IS VERY SORRY.

**Expressions of Regret as to De Lome's Conduct.**

Washington, Feb 16—Spain has expressed regrets for the sentiments of her former minister, Dupuy de Lome, and that incident is closed

The next step of this government in regard to the general Cuban situation is receiving the president's most serious attention.

The reports and correspondence of the consuls, laying bare the whole story of the attempted extermination of the Cuban people, will go to congress as soon as they can be prepared.

The president feels that the time has come for action, on the part of this government, to end the war, and the only question with him is the form which this aggressive action shall take

The president is still earnestly desirous of avoiding a war scarce and possible hostilities with Spain, and he is trying to devise some plan for a peaceable settlement on a basis of the independence of Cuba

That is the Cuban situation briefly put.

The president will reply to the resolutions of congress in the fullest spirit He will send in the reports of consuls. The only reservation will be such portions as might endanger personal safety. The consuls have reported to the department with great freedom They have kept their government fully informed. They have received confidential information from Cubans and have forwarded it. The reports will be edited, not with the thought of withholding anything from congress, but solely with a due regard for the safety of the informants Several days may elapse before the reports are sent Considerable work will have to be done by the department

Free access to the papers has been given to members of the foreign relations and foreign affairs committees The senators and representatives who have read the reports agree as to the character of the information They unite in saying that the statements of the consuls about the starvation and cruelties are even more horrifying than the accounts sent by the newspaper correspondents The consuls cover all parts of the island They tell of finding the corpses of the starved in front of the consulates on opening for business in the morning One consul tells of seeing four bodies in the street one morning Repeatedly the reports tell of Spanish soldiers coming singly and in squads to the doors of the American consulates and begging for food. The shameful evidences of Spain's mistreatment of her unpaid and unfed soldiers is set forth in multiplicity of detail

## LETTER FROM GOMEZ.

**Cuban Forces Active and More Confident Than Ever.**

New York, Feb 16—T Estrada Palma, head of the Cuban Junta, has received a letter from Gen Maximo Gomez, commander in-chief of the Cuban army, dated at Mayajigua, February 10 It says, in part:

"There is no truth in the report that I had crossed the trocha into Camaguey Our camp is in the Sancti Spiritus district, where it has been during the last 14 months Our forces have been very active since the promulgation of autonomy by the Spanish government We see in it Spain's weakness, and feel now more sanguine of our success than ever before Autonomy has had the advantage to rid us of some of the undesirable element in our ranks We trust it may still serve to purge our army of men of the stamp of Masso Parra, Currvo and other Majasas.

"Col Armando Sanchez Agramonte, with 600 men attacked a Spanish convoy three days ago, and captured 80 pack mules, with ammunition and a regimental strong box with $10,000 The Spanish commander and 15 privates were killed in the first charge"

## TELEGRAPH BREVITIES.

Dynamite and robbers did up the Sheridan, Mo, bank Gone $2400 in cash and $5000 in securities

The Alton school controversy case is to be tried on the issue of fact at Edwardsville

The late Spanish minister, Senor De Lome and family, sailed today for Liverpool.

In the trial at Paris affairs are looking bright for Zola and Dreyfus.

Dr. Draper, president of the University of Illinois, has declined to the offer to take charge of the public school of New York

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## TO DRILL MEN BY MUSIC.

**A New Method Being Introduced in the Army.**

**Lieut. Butts Claims With the Aid of Music a Body of Men May Attain the Precision of a Perfect Machine.**

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There has just been inaugurated in the Fifth United States infantry a practice which has heretofore been considered largely impractical — drilling to music, not the music of the bugler with which everyone is familiar, but music by the band.

The originator of this idea, Lieut Edwin L Butts, of the Fifth infantry, believes that in this he has found a plan to make the drudgery of garrison work less irksome and at the same time promote efficiency in the drill

Heretofore the soldiers have gone through the manual of arms without perfect regularity and precision following the commands and handling the guns in the best manner they could and according to the tactics prescribed for them It should be remembered, by the way, that the famous Upton's tactics are no longer the vogue in the United States army, but rather those laid down in what is called the "Manual of Physical Training for the United States Army," by the same Lieut Butts who originated the musical drill

Lieut Butts believes in the utilization of music wherever possable and states that fact in his manual but no attempt has hitherto been made to carry the plan out in detail The ruling military tactics do not say what time shall be kept by the soldiers to the movements of the drill, nor that all the men in the company shall make each movement together The musical idea, however makes this entirely feasible, and really comes nearer to the military idea of perfection—a machine—than ever found possible heretofore in general army drill

Down at Fort McPherson, Ga, where this drill takes place, when the time for the evolutions comes the band places itself in front of the regiment, where all the men in the rank can hear the music Then the chosen strains are heard and the soldiers execute each movement in exact accordance with the time kept by the leader of the band. The effect is really inspiring

Each beat of the time is a sign for a movement of the gun and it is a notable fact that the men who have the least idea of musical time have no difficulty whatever in being entirely uniform in the drill movements At no time has the band played lively airs—at least up to the present By and by, when the soldiers become proficient, the time will be increased, for it is the intention to drill to faster and faster music until the limit has been reached

The old army tactics, Upton's, contained a provision that the manual of arms should be executed by numbers In this case each soldier counted and each movement had a number In this way the men were able after great practice to execute the drill with precision and exactness The only trouble was that they would often miss a number and in that way fail to keep together

Now, with the help of the band and one time for all, the soldiers are able to count exactly, and the drill movements are accordingly executed with regularity To appreciate the new rifle drill it is necessary to understand what the soldier must know and do in response to the call of the music Here for instance, are what are called the exercises of the first set of the drill

At first note raise rifle smartly to chest two inches below chin, elbows close to sides, wrists well bent back Lunge well out to left oblique, left foot leading, at same time extend rifle forward, barrel to rear Carry rifle to chest, wrist bent back Turn to right about on heels Extend rifle forward Carry rifle to chest Carry left foot to right and face to original front Drop rifle to ready In all lunging the rear foot remains flat on the ground, leg well straightened out

That is the first exercise This is the second At first note bend trunk of body forward legs remaining straight and if possible touch ground with rifle Swing rifle well out to front and over head arms and legs remaining straight, wrists bent well back, eyes on rifle, back hollowed Swing rifle down and then trunk forward to position as at first note Drop rifle to shoulders behind neck, forcing chest well forward, eyes directed to the front Resume position Drop rifle to chest. Drop rifle to ready The first four movements are executed slowly, the last four rapidly

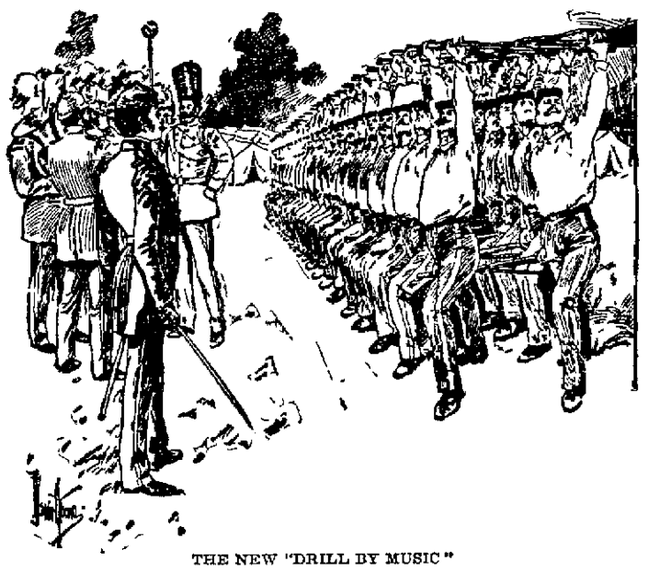
The third exercise is as follows At first note carry left foot about 15 inches to the left, turn body to the left on hips, rising well upon right toe, left foot flat on ground, and swing rifle to left to horizontal position over head, back hollowed, wrists well bent back, eyes on rifle. Swing down across body and over head to right, arms remaining straight, the reverse position of first movement. Repeat to include 16th count

The fourth exercise is: At first note lunge directly to the left, left foot being planted about 36 inches to the left; at same time swing rifle over head, arms remaining extended, wrists bent well back, back hollowed, eyes on rifle Lunge directly to the front, left foot leading, and take position just described Lunge directly to the right, right foot leading and take same position as before Lunge directly to the front, right foot leading, and take former position In lunging the leading foot should not be planted so as to jar When the exercise is understood so as to be executed together, the foot should lightly strike the ground so as to enable a quick return to ready

The fifth exercise is the same as the first, substituting the words right for left and left for right. "The drill by music" says Lieut Butts, in reply to a question addressed to him as to the result of the drill, "is easily learned It affords the utmost precision and, what is more important, renders valuable and necessary physical training attractive, obtains unconsciously hard work from each man, and thus produces the results aimed at

"The rifle drill is considered superior to other forms of physical exercise for the soldier It brings all the muscles of the body into play and teaches each soldier to become expert in handling and manipulating his weapon of warfare Such an exercise is found to obviate the necessity of the former setting up drill It affords variety in garrison work to the various company, battalion and regimental drills, and as a rule is looked upon with much favor by the enlisted men"

The drill by music will not hereafter be confined to rifle drill, but will be equally applicable to the army system of calisthenic exercise, dumb bell and other athletic drills.



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"I can only say that I have ridden four years," replied the journalist, "and have never been over a single dog yet. It's easy enough to dodge them if you look where you're going"

"If you haven't ridden over them you can't know much about it And how can you look where you're going when you're riding by night and have forgotten your lamp and bought a cheap one that's no good? The dogs know when a man's in that position and all the black ones come out and wander about the road You can't see a black dog against a black night You don't know it's there until you suddenly find yourself in the road with one arm through the front wheel and the handlebar in your mouth Then you realize that there has been a dog"

"Well, unless you learn how to ride and get a decent lamp, I don't see what's to be done"

"I've got a decent lamp only I always forget it, and then I have to buy a cheap one for a makeshift I ride beautifully, with much taste and feeling It's the dog that's in the wrong Every black dog that goes out on a dark night should be compelled by law to carry a light at each end Then the cyclist would understand that the space in between these two lights was occupied and wouldn't intrude on it You'll see the necessity for that sooner or later when you ride over a dog yourself and have to do the best you can with your puncture-repairing outfit because you've got none of the ordinary sticking plaster"—Barry Pain, in Black and White.

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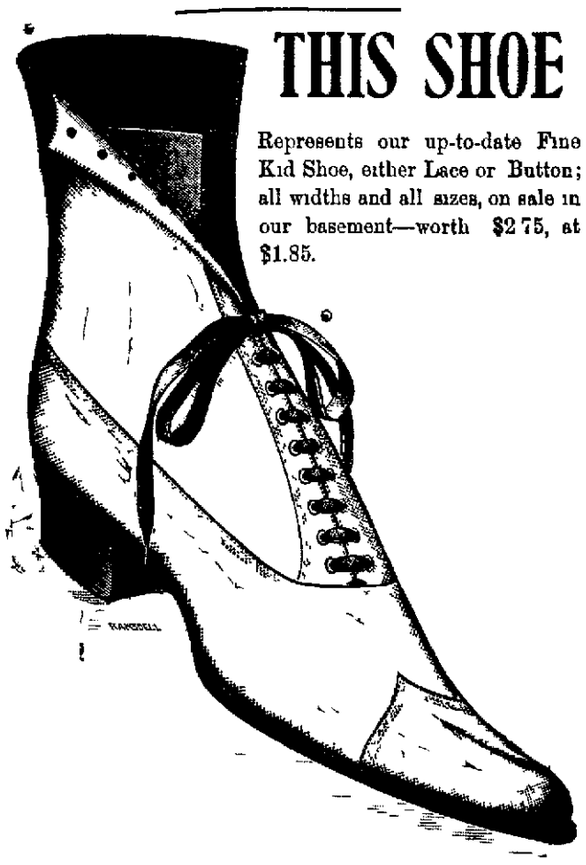

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C. J. NESBITT, Editor.

A MIRACLE.

Kansas City, Kansas, Dec. 21, '91.

Last Friday, Dec. 19, my attending physician stated that unless I was better by morning he could do nothing for my relief. That night I commenced taking Phelps' "Four-C" Remedy, stopped all other medicines. The first dose stopped my cough; slept and rested well; a few more doses removed all soreness from my lungs; the second day I was up; the third day I was out on the porch and today was up town purchasing holiday goods.
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J. B. HUDING, Manager, Office Commercial Printing Co., 156 South Clark St. Chicago, Nov. 24, '94.

R. R. Phelps, Esq., City.

DEAR SIR:—I wish to bear testimony to the great efficacy of your "Four C" remedy in throat and lung ailments. As a rule I have been skeptical of the merits of proprietary medicines, but have to confess that a test of your "Four C" is convincing that at least one ready made remedy is worthy of use. My children all take it without the least objection, from oldest to youngest, and is particularly noticeable that benefit is almost immediate. A single dose will check most coughs in their beginning; it gives an unbroken rest at night. In my family "Four C" is simply indispensable and I recommend it unqualifedly.
Yours, J. B. HUDING.

ACUTE LARNYGITIS.

Chicago, Sept. 25, '95.

For years back each winter I have suffered with acute larnygitis. Last winter was so bad I could not leave my room for two weeks or could not speak above a whisper. I tried every known cough preparation from cough drops up and down with no relief, then in desperation I was induced to try Phelps' "Four C." The first dose relieved my cough, giving me the first night's rest for weeks. Half the bottle cured me. I have never been without this wonderful remedy since. It's as different from other like remedies as molasses from vinegar or sugar from sand. MRS. JOSEPH E. GRUBB, 5313 Madison Ave.

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Conductor Eckard, the Railroad Correspondent of the Neodasha Kansas Register, has this to say of "Four C." "Phelps is having a wonderful sale of his Cough and Cold Remedy. We personally know it is just what it is represented to be. Too much cannot be said in its praise. It is a miracle."

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## WASHINGTON WAS KIND.

### Gen. Greene's Little Daughter and the Great President.

**She Burst Into Tears When She Met the Patriot Leader, and the Latter Comforted Her in a Fatherly Way.**

Martha Littlefield Phillips, who was the granddaughter of Gen. Nathaniel Greene's youngest daughter, contributes to the Century "Recollections of Washington and His Friends," taken down from the lips of her grandmother. She quotes the following account of her grandmother's first meeting with Washington:

"The second great event of my early life," said she, "was my first interview with Gen. Washington. But a faint suggestion now survives of the love and reverence for Washington which inspired the children of the revolution. These sentiments were exceptionally strong in my brothers and sisters and myself, because in addition to the sentiment of patriotism was the personal regard we held for Washington as our father's intimate friend and immediate commander.

"My mother had deeply imbued me with the honor in store, and had drilled my behavior to meet all the probable requirements of the occasion. I was, for example, to rise from my seat for presentation to Gen. Washington, and after tendering him my profoundest courtesy, stand at ease, and modestly answer all his possible questions, but at the same time keep religiously in the background, where all the good little girls of that day were socially referred.

"The eventful day came, and I was taken by my mother to Mount Vernon to make the longed-for visit. We were graciously welcomed by Mrs. Washington; but my heart was so thick with fluttering, and my tongue so tied, that I made but a stuttering semblance of response to her kindly questions. At length the door opened, and Gen. Washington entered the room. I felt my mother's critical eyes, an advanced with the intention of making a courtesy and declaiming the litle address previously

WALKING WITH WASHINGTON.
(Never Was a Little Girl Prouder or Happier.)

taught me; instead of which I dropped on my knees at Washington's feet, and burst into tears. All the resources of dramatic art could hardly have devised a more effective coup. Washington stooped and tenderly raised me, saying with a smile: 'Why, what is the matter with this foolish child?' The words do not have a tender sound, but language may not convey the gentleness of his manner and the winning softness of his voice, as he wiped away my tears with his own handkerchief, kissed my forehead, and led me to a seat as he might a young princess.

"He sat beside me, and with laughing jests, brought down to the plane of my appreciation, banished my sins from my eyes, rescued me from humiliation, and brought me back to composure. He guarded me from my mother's outraged eyes, kept me with him while in the drawing-room, had me placed beside him at the dinner table, and with his own hands heaped all the good things on my plate. After dinner he took me to walk in the garden, and with an intelligent stooping to my intellectual stature, and a sympathetic understanding of my emotional state and need, he drew me into talks on the themes of my daily life, and won me into revelations of my hopes and fears. It has always impressed me as a quaint and pretty picture, that of the famous warrior, statesman and patriot turning from great affairs, and lending himself to the task of making the happiness and charming the confidence of a shy and frightened child. And so proud and happy was the little girl thus made that, 75 years afterward, she lives, with tears of joy in her eyes, to tell the story to her granddaughter."

"How about Mrs. Washington, grandmother? How did she impress you?" I asked.

"The fact is," she replied, "I was so absorbed on that occasion with Gen. Washington, I paid very little attention to his wife. She took small note of children, and the only recollection that comes to me of her in that first interview is that she was handsome, of dignified carriage, and was dressed in a rich figured silk, with an embroidered apron around her waist, and a dainty kerchief about her neck and shoulders."

**India Rubber in Mexico.**

The production of India-rubber in Mexico is attracting attention, and the samples which have been exhibited are said to be of fine quality. The Mexican Herald declares that several rubber companies and one bicycle company from the United States will probably erect factories in the City of Mexico. The enormously increased use of rubber in the manufacture of bicycle tires must be met by increased production or by greater care of the rubber trees of the forest. If the soil and climate of Mexico are favorable to its production it will grow into an important industry.

## PERSONAL AND IMPERSONAL.

—John E. Redmond, the Irish patriot, has been presented with a picture of Rev. Peter O'Neill, one of the persecuted priests of Ireland 100 years ago.

—Congress is to be asked for an appropriation of $10,000 to aid in the erection in Chester, Pa., of a $40,000 monument over the grave of John Morton, who gave the casting vote of Pennsylvania for the declaration of independence.

—Not long ago a distinguished European scolar was lecturing in a western city, and in the course of his lecture he remarked that Goethe was, perhaps, the greatest man intellectually who has appeared since the days of the apostles. He was at once interrupted by a woman in the audience, who declared that Dr. Talmage was as great a man as Goethe ever was.

—One of the handsomest ballrooms in the country is that recently attached to the home of Edmond D. Lewis, the artist, in Philadelphia. Much of the splendor of the first empire has been reproduced, both in the architectural and decorative features. Valuable tapestries and painting cover the walls. A number of interesting relics of Napoleon also adorn the room.

—Hermann Nitt, of Buffalo, was before the police court and when the judge asked his name he said, smilingly, "Nit." Then there was a scene, in which an angry police judge was the star actor. When Nitt finally convinced him his name was Nitt the judicial dignity was mollified, but he advised the prisoner to take his wife's name or in some other way get rid of his own.

—England's swellest of regiments, the First battalion of granadiers, now at Gibraltar, has been ordered to Egypt, and great interest is centered in it. The commander of the regiment is Lieut. Col. Hatton, and the officers include many members of the aristocracy, among them Lieut. Lord Edward Herbert Cecil, fourth son of Lord Salisbury, and Lieut. Lord John Packenham Joicey-Cecil, a brother of the marquis of Exeter.

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**Glad Tidings to Asthma Sufferers.**

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J. F. Smith of Mowesqua has sold 120 acres of land to Allen Rakestraw at $70 per acre, and bought a farm of 90 acres near Macon a $90 per acre.

After years of untold suffering from piles, B. W. Purcell, of Knitnersville, Pa., was cured by using a single box of DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Skin diseases, such as eczema, rash, pimples and obstinate sores, are readily cured by this famous remedy. H. W. Bell, N. L. Krone.

Walnut Grove K. of P. lodge at Eureka, will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the order February 19, having secured Hon. T. F. Donovan of Kankakee, as orator.

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Oscar Ames of Chebanse, is trying to find a man named Best, claiming Paxton as his home, who bid in two horses at the farmer's sale, and then refused to take them.

### A Life Saved.

Marvelous cures of throat and lung affections are made daily by Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup. Miss Annie Swan, Petersburg, Va., writes: "My brother was attacked by a bad cough and cold, and it was thought he had consumption. Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup was used, and to our great surprise it made him well and hearty. There is no better cure in the world than this Syrup." Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is sold everywhere for 25 cents.

## NORTHERN LOVE LIGHT.

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ward. But no sail raised itself to his view in all the wide seascape.

It was a grand if lonely morning scene and Upshur, on the summit, stood watching the slow change of position as, moved by the current of the lower depths, the icebergs forged to the southward off abeam of the northward moving floe. The face of one of the icebergs sloped toward the pack with an irregular, shelving contour, like that of a rugged mountain side. Above a gentle slope of this face, some object, upright and slender, came into view behind the central eminence, moving to the eastward, like a pencil drawn against the sky. Behind it came a taller one, and, behind the second, a third one, these advancing in procession.

With breathless eagerness Upshur watched and waited. It was not illusion, the sudden hope that filled his breast. Out past the break of the slope

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the foremost object came, revealing the square yard of a ship's fore-royal. Successively the three masts with the upper and lower sails, fore and aft, drew into view, while jibs and bowsprit pushed beyond the iceburg. In the full-rigged ship, three miles away, which sailed grandly out upon the waters, he recognized the "Amaranth."

Fairly past the berg she rounded into the wind, on a free course to the north. Up to her fore peak rose a pennant fluttering to the breeze in answer to the signal flying from the oar upon the ice ridge. Upshur with his hat waved an "All right" to the captain, who he knew was watching him with his glass from the quarter-deck.

He turned toward Laida sleeping peacefully, with a happy smile on her lips, nestled in the white bear's skin. Needless to waken her so soon! Time enough for that when the sailors' cries shall arouse her as the "Amaranth," in the fair wind and light ripple, draws alongside the ice floe. Sufficient for the present to stand by the pennant upon the ridge, watching the ship move steadily down upon them. Holding her free course, with every stitch of canvas drawing, she comes to rescue a pair of romantic lovers voyaging happily toward the north pole upon the frozen pack.

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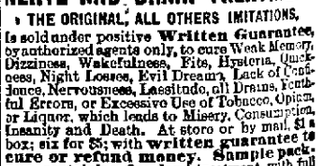


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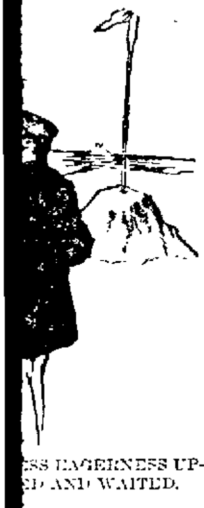

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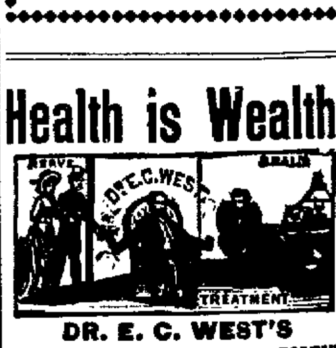


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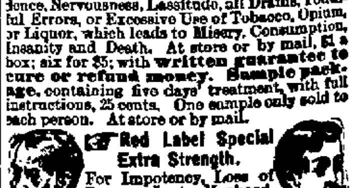


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FOR SALE—A large Tuft's Soda Fountain and all fixtures, complete in every respect for a first class soda trade. Will be sold at a very low price. Cash only. WEST'S DRUG STORE, Lincoln Square. 15-d6

FOR SALE.—A No. 1, superfine Kimball organ for sale very cheap. Call at 965 East Cantrell street. C. B. ADKESSON. 20-dtf

FOR SALE—Four room house, pantry and closets. East Lake finish; newly papered; will sell at a sacrifice. Call at No. 1760 North Clinton street; new 'phone 186.—27-tf

### FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—A comfortable dwelling; and good stable, outbuildings, well and cistern, and a garden place, 2½ miles east of Decatur. Twenty-two acres of ground; has been used for garden purposes 15 years. Apply to J. R. RACE, Decatur. Feb 12 d6*

### MONEY TO LOAN.

LOANS...

Rooms Nos. 1 and 2, 137 North Water street.
LOW RATES.
May 20-dtf GEO. W. EHRHART.

SAMUEL M'BRIDE
LOANS AND SECURITIES,
ROOMS 702-3-4,
MILLIKIN BANK B'LD'G,
DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

LOANS Of All Kinds Made by PEGRAM & CO.,
Room One, over Citizen's Nat. Bank.
Open Evenings Until 8 p. m.

ALBERT T. SUMMERS,
—LOAN BROKER,—
All Classes of Loans Negotiated.
145 North Water Street, DECATUR, ILL.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

TELEPHONE O'd No. 200, New No. 300 for Potted Blooming Plants. Also Cut Flowers, in Roses, Carnations, Hyacinths, Violets, Lilies, Etc. N. BOMMERSBACH. Dec 7-dtf

HORSE-SHOEING.—The undersigned has opened a horse-shoeing and light tire-setting shop at 124 West Prairie Avenue, where all work will be guaranteed to be second to none in the city, at prices as low as good work can be done. T. L. WEAKLY, Prop'r. Feb. 14-d1m*

CURRY & POOLE, MILK DEPOT,
Milk, Cream, Butter and Dressed Poultry, Wholesale and Retail, 451 North Water street, Decatur, Ill. Jan 24 dtf

PATENTS, TRADEMARKS, COPYRIGHTS, CAVEATS, on quickest and easiest terms. Am associate counsel for Louis Bagger & Co., 30 years' experience as Patent Attorney, Washington, D. C. All legal business promptly and carefully attended to. Loans. A. E. PARK, 152 E. Prairie street. NEW PHONE 672. Sept 7-dtf

IF you need a set of De Vinne Price Markers or Rubber Cushion stamp, plain or ornamental, supplies or anything in the Commercial Stamp line, order of J. M. Myers, proprietor of the Decatur Rubber Stamp Works, 301 S. Church street, Citizens' Phone, 117, Decatur, Ill. mar 1-dtf

R. O. ROSEN, Architect and Builder, Office Rooms 1 and 2, third floor, Review Building, North Main street.

STORAGE GOODS FOR SALE.—We have a lot of household goods, bedroom suit, chairs, couches, carpets, etc., in good condition, that we will sell cheap to pay the storage due on them. This is a bargain for some one. BACHMAN BROS. & MARTIN CO. June 10-dtf

SEE DILTS—If you are wanting a two, three or four inch tubular well, or your old wells made deeper. Well work of all kinds and sizes, from two inches to three feet. 723 N. Water or 1712 E. Prairie street. nov29 dtf

STEAMSHIP TICKETS to all parts of Europe; either first or second cabin, or steerage tickets, at the very lowest prices. PETER H. BRUECK, agent White Star Line and Hamburg-American Line, 215 N. Main. feb 1/dtf

THE Blue Grass Carriage shop. Your vehicle insured and stored at my risk free of cost, if repairs or repainting is necessary for spring use. Oceans of good dry room, and I want one to two hundred vehicles on these terms. Corner of East Main and Franklin streets. Jan8-dtf

RHEUMATISM CURE — Decatur, Ill., Nov. 29th. Wanted, everybody to read this article. For four or five years I took medicine for my kidneys and could get no relief. After trying several other kinds of medicines for rheumatism I tried your Cerrodanie Capsules and they not only cured my rheumatism but my back as well. I can and do heartily recommend them to any one with rheumatism and neuralgia. Yours truly, TOM PENIWELL, ticket agent I. C. R. R.

FOUND AT LAST—A place where a pure old-fashioned sour mash copper distilled whisky can be bought direct from the manufacturer exactly like it was made fifty years ago, of V. D. Ross, manufacturer of the old Dantown Whiskey, made in Macon county, Ill. For medical purposes it has no equal. I will sell direct to consumers, from one gallon up at $2.50 per gallon, and will give dealers prices very reasonable. My motto has ever been "Quality and not quantity." All I ask is an examination of my goods. I sell no other except straight Dantown; on West Main street, a few steps west of the transfer house. No. 139, Decatur, Ill. Feb 10-d4w

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE—The undersigned as assignee of Michael Eichinger, insolvent, offers for sale the following valuable property:

1. 147 lots in Eichinger Heights, an addition on the east of this city.
2. Several acres in amounts to suit on the Wabash railroad near the Cereal Mills.
3. Lots 8 and 9, block 10 East Park Boulevards, with good houses thereon.
4. Lot 9 block 7, East Park Boulevards, good 4 room cottage.
5. Lots 1 and 2, block 3, Starr & Mills' first addition, the Chenoweth place, ten rooms, good barn.
6. Lot southeast corner Eldorado and Church streets, seven rooms.
7. Lot 48 feet front, 237 West Eldorado, eight rooms.
8. Lot 14, Warren & Co's 7th addition, North Edward street, in the orchard, vacant.
9. 880 acres of land in Holt county, Nebraska, unimproved.

Sealed bids will be received up to Friday noon, February 25th inst., for the purchase of any portion or all of this property. Terms cash. Blank forms for bids furnished on application. For further information inquire of S. S. Jack, assignee of Michael Eichinger. 9-d4w

HERMAN SPIES,
Book Binder.
Practical Book Binding and Blank Book Manufacturing, 137 South Water street, Decatur, Ill. Magazines bound, names stamped in 14 on books.

# Legal Advs.

## Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY, } ss In the Circuit Court.

Frances G. Winslow, executrix, etc., Complainant, vs. Frank L. Hays, et. al., defendants.—In Chancery No. 16558.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause, at the January term of said court, A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, the 1st day of March, A. D., 1898,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m. at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit:

The east half of lot Nine (9) and Thirty (30) feet in width off of the west side of lot Eight (8), all in block One (1) of Berry H. Cassell's Fifth addition to the city of Decatur, situated in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 7th day of February, A. D., 1898.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Mills Bros., Complainant's Solicitors.

## Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF MACON. } ss. In the Circuit Court.

H. Mueller, Complainant, vs. Clara E. Wood, et. al., Defendant.—In Chancery No. 16441.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county, in the state of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the October term of said court A. D. 1897, I, James J. Finn, master in chancery of said court, will on

Tuesday, the 1st day of March, A. D. 1898,

at 2 o'clock p. m. of said day, at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit:

The south half of lot Twelve (12) in the resurvey of lots Two (2,) Three (3) and Four (4) of block Three (3) of Prather & Adamson's addition of outlots to the City of Decatur, situated in Macon County, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 7th day of February, A. D. 1898.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
C. E. Schroll, Complainant's Solicitor.
Feb 7-d td

## Master in Chancery's Sale.

STATE OF ILLINOIS, MACON COUNTY } ss In the Circuit Court.

John Fuller, Conservator, etc, Complainant, vs. Randolph J. Simpson, et. al., Defendants—In Chancery, No. 16 499.

Public notice is hereby given that in pursuance of a decree of the circuit court of Macon county in the State of Illinois, entered in the above entitled cause at the January Term of said court A. D. 1898, I, James J. Finn, Master in Chancery of said court, will on

Friday, the 4th day of March, A. D. 1898,

at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the north door of the court house on East Wood street, in the City of Decatur, in said county, offer for sale at public vendue to the highest and best bidder, for cash in hand, subject to redemption according to law, the real estate in said decree ordered to be sold, being described as follows, to-wit:

Lots twenty-two (22), twenty-three (23), twenty-four (24) and twenty five (25) in block one (1) of H. A. Wood's Second Addition to the city of Decatur, in Macon county, Illinois.

Dated at Decatur, Illinois, this 10th day of February, A. D. 1898.

JAMES J. FINN, Master in Chancery.
Alexander McIntosh Complainant's Solicitor.

## ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of John W. Young, Debtor.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that John W. Young, of the city of Decatur, county of Macon and state of Illinois, did, on the 4th day of January, A. D. 1898, transfer to one John A. Dawson, as assignee, all his personal property (the said John W. Young not being possessed of any real estate) for the benefit of his creditors except such as is allowed him under the exemption laws or the State of Illinois, according to the provisions of an act concerning voluntary assignments; that the said John A. Dawson, on the 8th day of Januarp, A. D. 1898, resigned as such assignee, and the undersigned was, by order of the county court of Macon county, in the State of Illinois, appointed assignee in the place of John A. Dawson, on the 10th day of January, A. D. 1898.

All persons having claims against the said John W. Young are hereby notified to present such claims, under oath or affirmation, to the undersigned at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from the date hereof.

Dated this 11th day of January, A. D. 1898.
GEORGE K. MORGAN, Assignee.
Jan 11-d6w

## ASSIGNEE'S NOTICE.

Estate of Susan H. Abel, Debtor.

The undersigned hereby gives notice that Susan H. Abel, doing business under the name of Abel Carpet Wall-Paper Co., of the City of Decatur, in the county of Macon and State of Illinois, did, on the 12th day of January, 1898, transfer to the undersigned as assignee all her property, real and personal, for the benefit of her creditors, according to the provisions of the act concerning assignments.

All persons having claims against the said Susan H. Abel are hereby notified to present such claims under oath or affirmation to me at the City of Decatur, in said county, within three months from this date.

Dated this 21st day of January, A. D. 1898.
Jan. 21-d6w J. W. RACE, Assignee.

## Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Charles L. Griswold, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Charles L. Griswold, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 29th day of January, 1898.
CHARLES L. GRISWOLD, Jr.,
29 d3w Administrator.

## Administrator's Notice.

Estate of Henry F. May, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed administrator of the estate of Henry F. May, late of the county of Macon, and State of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the County Court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the March term, on the first Monday in March next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 17th day of January, 1898.
ANDREW H. MILLS, Administrator.
jan 17-d3w

## SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of an execution to me directed and delivered by the clerk of the county court of Macon county, Illinois, in favor of Charles S. Hankins and against John S. Danley George M. Danley, I have levied upon the following decribed property, to-wit: The undivided interest of John S. Darnley in lots Four (4) and Five (5), Block One (1), Delia Abbott's addition to the Village of Niantic, in Macon County, State of Illinois, taken as property of the said John S. Danley, which I shall offer at public sale at the north door of the court house in Decatur, in Macon county, in said state, on the 1st day of March, A. D. 1898, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, for cash in hand, to satisfy said execution.

This 9th day of February, A. D., 1898.
J. P. NICHOLSON,
f10-4td Sheriff Macon Co., Ill.

## CONSERVATOR'S SALE.

I will for the next ten days, from Feb. 5 to Feb. 15 inclusive, have for sale all the personal property of John A. Shafer, which includes a cow, store, and household furnishings, 150 shocks of corn on farm. Personal property can be seen at 1290 West Macon street. I have also a 40 acre farm 3½ miles northwest of Decatur for rent. N. M. JACOBS, Conservator.
5-dlit-wit

## REDEMPTION NOTICES.

To John R. Dougherty and the owners and parties interested in the lands and town lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1896, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot Three in Block Three of B. H. Cassell's 2d Addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1895, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon, and at the time the said real estate was taxed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of John R. Dougherty, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1898.

J. C. HOSTETLER.

To C. H. Tyler and the owners and parties interested in the lands hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1896 I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 26 in block 4 of Enterprise addition to the city of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1895, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon, and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of C. H. Tyler, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 25th day of June, 1898.

J. C. HOSTETLER.

To E. W. Rinehart and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1896, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot twenty-three in block two of Geo. F. Wessells' addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1895, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon, and at the time the last described real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of E. W. Rinehart and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 2 th day of June, 1898. J. C. HOSTETLER.

To Adam Kreher and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1896, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot twenty in block one of P. H. Brueck's addition to the city of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1895, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon, and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of Adam Kreher, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 27th day of June, 1898. J. C. HOSTETLER.

To D. A. Maffit and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1896, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot One in Block Two of D. A. Maffit's addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1895, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of D. A. Maffit and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 24th day of June 1898.

J. C. HOSTETLER.

To Starr & Mills and the owners and parties interested in the lands and lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 24th day of June, A. D. 1896, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot 22 in block 1 of Starr & Mills' 1st addition to the city of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1895, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon, and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of Starr & Mills, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 24th day of June, 1898.

J. C. HOSTETLER.

To May McClure and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1896, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Thirty-three one-hundreth acres in part of the southwest corner of Lot 7 in the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of Section 22 in Township 16 north, Range 2 east of the 3rd p. m., for the taxes assessed for the year 1895, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name or May McClure, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 27th day of June 1898.

J. C. HOSTETLER.

To H. A. Gorman and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 25th day of June, A. D. 1896, S. McBride purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot one, in block one, of H. A. Wood's 2d Addition to the City of Decatur, for the taxes assessed for the year 1895, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon, and assigned the certificate of purchase to me, and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of H. A. Gorman, and that the time of the redemption thereof will expire on the 25th day of June, 1898.

J. C. HOSTETLER,
Assignee of S. McBride.

To James Jordan and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 23d day of June, A. D. 1896, I, J. C. Hostetler, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: The northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section 27 in township 16 north, range 1 east of the 3rd p. m., for the taxes assessed for the year 1895, including interest, penalties and costs due on the said real estate, and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of J. Jordan, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 23rd day of June, 1898. J. C. HOSTETLER.
feb 9-wed

## REDEMPTION NOTICE.

To Stanley March and the owners and parties interested in the lands or lots hereinafter described: You are hereby notified that at a sale of lands and town lots for state, county and special taxes, made in pursuance of law, by the county collector of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, at the north outside door of the court house, in the city of Decatur, in said county and state, on the 26th day of June, A. D. 1896, I, F. M. Webb, purchased the following described real estate, situate in said Macon county: Lot Nine in Block Four of Montgomery & Shull's 2d addition to the City of Decatur for the taxes assessed for the year 1895, including interest, penalties and costs due thereon and assigned the certificate of purchase thereof to me and at the time the said real estate was assessed as aforesaid it was taxed in the name of Stanley March, and that the time of the redemption thereof from said sale will expire on the 26th day of June 1898.

W. R. ROBERTS,
Assignee of F. M. Webb.

Feb. 9-d3w wed

## ILLINOIS CENTRAL EXCURSIONS.

One way settlers' rates to points south and southeast. Tickets on sale the 1st and 3d Tuesdays of each month.

Winter tourist rates to points south are now on. Final limit of June 1st, 1898.

For information or tickets write or call on W. L. Smith, Union Depot, or T. Peniwell, 121 E. William street, Decatur, Ill.

# Railroad Column

## R. R. TIME TABLES.

[Corrected to Nov. 15, 1897.]

### Wabash Line

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| TO CHICAGO. | | FROM CHICAGO. | |
| 13 | * 1:06 a m | 18 | * 3:55 a m |
| 14 | *11:46 a m | 15 | * 3:55 p m |
| 15 | † 9:20 a m | 17 | † 7:35 p m |
| TO ST. LOUIS. | | FROM ST. LOUIS. | |
| 3 | * 4:05 a m | 6 | * 5:26 a m |
| 11 | * 7:00 a m | 24 | †11:25 a m |
| 25 | † 4:05 p m | 14 | *11:42 a m |
| 15 | * 4:00 p m | 10 | * 8:56 p m |
| 1 | *12:13 a m | 2 | *11:17 p m |
| 7 | * 7:30 p m | 12 | *12:55 a m |
| TO TOLEDO. | | FROM TOLEDO. | |
| 8 | * 5:28 a m | 1 | *12:10 a m |
| 4 | *11:30 a m | 7 | * 7:17 p m |
| 2 | *11:20 p m | 5 | * 8:30 p m |
| 10 FtW.ac., | †1:30 p m | 3 | * 3:20 a m |
| 24 Eff. Acc. | †4:40 p m | 11 From Ft W | †12:50 p m |
| | | 35 Eff. Accom | †10:45 a m |
| TO QUINCY. | | FROM QUINCY. | |
| 5 | * 4:07 p m | 4 | *11:26 a m |
| 13 | * 4:10 a m | 12 | *10:50 p m |
| 17 Spfd only | † 7:40 p m | 16 from Spfg. | † 9:15 a m |
| 35 | †10:55 a m | 34 Effg. acm. | † 4:35 p m |
| 11 Bluff acm | † 7:05 a m | 10 frm Bluffs | † 6:50 p m |

*Daily. †Daily except Sunday.

### Peoria, Decatur and Evansville.

| Arrive from Peoria | Arrive from Evansville |
|---|---|
| A No. 1......10:35 a. m. | A No. 2......2:50 p. m. |
| D No. 3......10:10 p. m. | A No. 4......6:25 a. m. |
| A No. 11......2:30 p. m. | S No. 36......7:10 a. m. |
| Depart for Peoria | Depart for Evansville |
| A No. 2......3:00p. m. | A No. 1......10:45 a. m. |
| A No. 4......6:35 a. m. | D No. 3......10:20 p. m. |
| S No. 36......7:20 a. m. | A No 11......3:15 p. m. |
| A No. 10......10:35a. m. | "D"—Daily, "S" Sunday Only. |
| "A"—Daily Except Sunday. | |

### Vandalia Line.

In effect Dec. 11, 1897.

DEPARTS EAST.
No. 24—Freight, ex. Sunday......6:35 a m
No. 12—Except Sunday......7:40 a m
No. 6—Except Sunday......3:35 p m

FROM TERRE HAUTE.
No. 7—Except Sunday......10:45 a m
No. 83—Freight, ex. Sunday......5:00 p m
No. 21—Except Sunday......7:05 p m

DEPARTS WEST.
No. 5—Ex. Sunday......7:00 a m
No. 85—Freight, ex. Sundoy......7:50 a m
No. 7—Ex. Sunday......10:55 a m

FROM PEORIA.
No. 6—Ex. Sunday......3:20 p m
No. 86—Freight ex. Sunday......4:10 p m
No. 4—Ex. Sunday......9:30 p m

For complete Time Card, giving all trains and stations, and for full information as to rates, through cars, etc., address J. C. Millspaugh, T. P. A., Decatur, Ill., or E. A. Ford, Gen'l Pass. Agt., St. Louis, Mo.

### Indiana, Decatur & Western Ry Co.

| ARRIVE. | LEAVE. |
|---|---|
| No. 1 Pass....*2:25 p m | No. 4 Pass....*10:55 p m |
| No. 3 Pass....*4:00 a m | No. 2 Pass...*11:30 a m |
| " 7 ......10:00 a m | " 8 ......2:40 a m |
| " 9 ......*8:00 p m | " 10 ......4:00 p m |

*Daily. †Except Sunday.

### Illinois Central.

Corrected to November 28th, 1897.

No. 118 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman......* 1:32 a. m.
No. 120 to Chicago via Clinton & Gilman......* 11:52 a. m.
No. 704 to Chicago via Champaign..* 6:10 a. m.
No. 104 Main Line North......* 11:26 a. m.
No. 126 Main Line North......† 6:10 p. m.
No. 702 Champaign Line Mixed leaves......† 2:45 p. m.
No. 117 Diamond Special to St. Louis via Pana......* 3:19 a. m.
No. 119 Daylight Special to St. Louis via Pana......* 3:37 p. m.
No. 125 Main Line South to Pana....† 9:30 a. m.
No. 103 Main Line South to Cairo....* 4:03 p. m.
No. 191 Local Freight South......† 7:45 a. m.
No. 703 from Chicago via Champaign, arrives......* 9:55 p. m.
No. 701 from Champaign Mixed Train arrives......† 10:30 a. m.
*—Daily. †—Daily Except Sunday.

### WABASH EXCURSIONS.

The Wabash Railroad will sell excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following meetings:

Sunday low rate tickets will be sold from all stations east of Mississippi River, except to points north of Bement on Chicago Division, Sundays at very low rates—good going and returning Sunday only.

St. Louis and return. Tickets sold every Saturday afternoon and Sunday. One fare round trip.

Homeseekers' Excursions to principal points in the South, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month; good returning every Tuesday or Friday for 21 days. One fare, plus $2.00, for the round trip.

One way Settlers' tickets to the South sold on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at greatly reduced rates.

California tourists tickets, good returning nine months, with liberal stop over privileges in each direction, on sale daily.

Winter tourists tickets to the principal resorts in the south now on sale.

Call at the City Ticket Office for literature of the routes, rates, etc., of the Klondike Gold Fields.

Tour of Old Mexico and return. Leaving Decatur Thursday, Feb. 17th. Personally conducted. $240.00 includes all expenses. For itinerary call at city ticket office.

Cleveland, Ohio, acct. Students Volunteer Movement for Foreign Missions, $12.46 round trip. Sell Feb. 22nd and 23rd; good returning till Feb. 28th.

Champaign acct. Illinois Farmers Institute, $1.85 round trip. Tickets sold Feb. 22nd and 23rd, good returning till Feb. 25th.

New Orleans and Mobile account Mardi Gras. One fare round trip. Sell Feb. 15th to 25th. Good returning for 15 days.

Chattanooga account National Educational Association Department of Superintendence. One fare round trip. Sell Feb. 20 and 21. Good returning till Feb. 28th.

Topeka, Kan., account National Buttermakers Association. One fare round trip. Sell Feb. 19th to 24th inclusive. Good returning till Feb. 28th.

Account Spring meetings of Merchants' Associations, at one and one-third fare, on certificate plan: St. Louis, sell Feb. 20 to 27; March 6 to 13; April 3 to 16. Chicago, sell Feb. 23 to March 2; March 30 to April 6. Milwaukee, sell Feb. 23 to March 2.

For full information regarding dates of sale limits of tickets, rates, maps and descriptive advertising matter, write or apply to C. A. Pollock, passenger and ticket agent Wabash rai. road, Decatur, Ills.

### I., D. & W. Railway Excursions.

Excursion tickets at greatly reduced rates to the following points:

Home seekers excursions to principal points in the south, on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. Good returning every Tuesday or Friday for twenty-one days. One fare plus $2 for round trip.

One way settlers' tickets sold to the South on the first and third Tuesdays of each month at greatly reduced rates.

Winter tourist tickets to the principal resorts in the south now on sale.

For full information regarding dates of sale, limits of tickets, rate, maps and descriptive advertising matter write or apply to E. Harwood, General Agent, or C. A. Pollock, Ticket Agent I. D. & W. Railroad, Decatur, Ill.

### Through Buffet Sleeping Car to Mackinaw, Mich.

Commencing June 21st, the Vandalia Line will resume through Pullman Buffet Sleeping Car Service between St. Louis and Mackinaw. Sleepers will run via Terre Haute, St. Joseph, Grand Rapids and Petoskey-Bay View. This will be the only line of through cars from St. Louis to the delightful and cool resorts of Michigan. South-bound the last sleeping car for the season will leave Mackinaw Sunday night, September 26, 1897. For detailed information address nearest Vandalia Line Agent, or E. A. Ford, General Passenger Agent, St. Louis.

## Executor's Notice.

Estate of Samuel Heft, Deceased.

The undersigned having been appointed executor of the estate of Samuel Heft, late of the county of Macon and state of Illinois, deceased, hereby gives notice that he will appear before the county court of Macon county, at the court house in Decatur, at the April term, on the first Monday in April next, at which time all persons having claims against said estate are notified and requested to attend for the purpose of having the same adjusted. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned.

Dated this 7th day of February, 1898.
WM. W. HEFT, Executor.
Feb 9-d3w

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## LOCAL NEWS.

**Davis' 15c delivery. Cab, 25c.**

The Decatur pension board met today.

Smoke the Little J., 5-cent cigar, made by Jacob Keck.

Go to Henry's bakery for all kinds of bread, cakes, pies, etc. june 29-dtf

Smoke the Queen, manufactured by Reddick & Kuesink.—15-dtf

Call on Webb C. Foster, 1075 North Water for meat, vegathles and fruits.

The infant child of Dr. and Mrs. Warnes died last night and was buried this morning.

Smoke the Little J [5 cent cigar, guaranteed to contain no artificial flavor.

The Modern American Fraternal Order will meet at the G. A. R. hall Thursday evening.

Only $15.30 to New Orleans and return via I. C. R. R., on February 19 and 20. Tickets good returning six days.—16-dt

A filibustering expedition to Cuba is the latest idea talked of by a number of young men at Linn & Scruggs.

The Fellowship club will give their regular dance at the Guards' armory this evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Meyer of North Main street entertained informally last evening in honor of Mrs. Moulten of Chicago.

Lost—Small Irish setter pup eight weeks old. Finder will be liberally rewarded by returning the dog to William Gushard.

At 223 North Main street the largest stock of fresh bulk Garden Seed; also the greatest assortment of Flower Seeds ever brought to Decatur. Sweet Peas and Nasturtiums in bulk. Durfee & Culp. feb 9-dtf

Low rate to New Orleans on February 19 and 20. The Illinois Central railroad will sell tickets to New Orleans and return at the extremely low rate of $15.30, tickets good six days from date of sale; also tickets good 10 days for $17.30 round trip. Tickets will be on sale at city office, 131 East William street or at Union depot. —16-4t

Miss Louise J. Mitchell, who was here last March with "The Heart of Chicago," is in the city with "The Hearthstone" company, which gives a performance at Powers' Grand opera house tonight. It will be remembered that Miss Mitchell was quite ill during her last visit here and was compelled to remain for two weeks before she was able to rejoin the company with which she was engaged. During her stay she made many friends who will no doubt be pleased to learn that she is again in town and real well.

### Retail Grocers.

I wish to inform you that I have secured the distributing agency of James Heekin & Co.'s celebrated Cincinnati High Grade Coffees. In presenting these coffees to you I do so with the assurance that they possess absolute high grade qualities, being unsurpassed in purity, strength and fine flavor. I would be pleased to have you investigate this line of highly recommended coffees. For the proof of good coffee is in the drinking thereof. Yours truly, D. F. Riddell.—15-tf

### Cheap Rates to Mobile.

Account Mardi Gras the Wabash R. R. will on Saturday, February 19 and Sunday, February 20, sell tickets to Mobile and return via St. Louis and M. & O. railway, good returning six days, at $11.05. Good returning 10 days at $13.55. For particulars call at city or depot office. 11-d8t

### Short Story.

The proof of good coffee is in the drinking thereof. Try Heekin's.

### Valentines.

They are surprises in beauty. Call at L. Chodat's News House.

Stop drugging yourself with quack nostrums, or "*cures*." Get a well-known pharmaceutical remedy that will do the work. Catarrh and Cold in the head will not cause suffering if Ely's Cream Balm is used. Druggists will supply 10c trial size or 50c. full size. We mail it. ELY BROS., 56 Warren st., N. Y. City Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement. "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed." --Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Pres. Church, Helena, Mont.

A. J. Wright and R. L. Dunlap have formed a partnership in the plumbing business at Champaign.


**MANY PEOPLE CANNOT DRINK**

coffee at night. It spoils their sleep. You can drink Grain-O when you please and sleep like a top. For Grain-O does not stimulate; it nourishes, cheers and feeds. Yet it looks and tastes like the best coffee. For nervous persons, young people and children Grain-O is the perfect drink. Made from pure grains. Get a package from your grocer today. Try it in place of coffee. 15 and 25c.


# PETERS-DYER

**Surprise Wedding Today at State Capital.**

## PATROL WAGON DRIVER WEDS

**Judge Kane Performed the Ceremony at 9 O'clock This Morning—Couple Will Reside in Decatur.**

Springfield, Feb. 16. — Walter F. Peters and Miss Minnie Dyer, both of Decatur, were married in the county court at 9 o'clock this morning by Judge Kane.

The couple are quite well known in Decatur. The bride's home is in on South Water street, and the groom, who is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Peters, is the day driver of the city patrol wagon. All are ready to extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Peters.

### Meeting of Executive Committee.

The last meeting of the executive committee of the Macon County C. E. Union will be hled on next Saturday afternoon at the First Presbyterian church at 4 p. m. The work of the year will be reviewed and plans made for the work of the coming year. Arrangements for the coming county convention will be discussed and the final arrangements made for the course of lectures on missionary extension work which will be given by local pastors under the auspices of the society. The first number of the lectures a will be given on the 10th of March at the First Presbyterian church by Rev. Frost Craft, the second at the Baptist church on the 17th by Rev. W. H. Penhallegon and the last at the First M. E. church on the 24th by Rev. S. H. Bowyer.

### Pews Selected.

The building committee of the Cumberland Presbyterian church met a number of the representatives of the manufacturers of church pews at the St. Nicholas hotel yesterday and selected the pews for their new church. The pews selected are of quartered oak with Roman carving and are beautiful, comfortable and artistic. The contract was given to the Brunswick-Balk Calander Co. of Chicago. The pulpit was also ordered from this company. The Sunday school room will be furnished with the common chairs which will be purchased of local dealers. The pews will be in by the 16th of May.

### Home Missionary Meeting.

The Home Missionary society of the Grace M. E. church met with Mrs. A. W. Conklin at her home, corner of Franklin and Eldorado streets, yesterday afternoon. The subject of the meeting was "Alaska." Mrs. Conklin gave a geographical sketch of Alaska and a paper was read by Mrs. C. Baldridge on the "Missions of Alaska." Mrs. R. E. Davidson read of the Alaskan flag raising and Miss Shoemaker sang a solo.

### Married Last Night.

B. S. Brooks and Miss Maud E. Peck were married last night at 7:30 o'clock at 937 West Cerro Gordo street, the house where they expect to make their home. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frost Craft in the presence of a few of the friends. The bride is a sister of Mrs. J. M. Huff with whom she has been making her home. The groom is the architect for the Huff Lumber company and is a prosperous young man.

### Funeral of Mrs. Hendricks.

The funeral of the late Mrs. M. J. Hendricks will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence at the corner of North Church and Green streets. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Penhallegon and the burial will be at Greenwood cemetery. Those who wish to view the remains can do so by calling at the house between 9 and 12 o'clock tomorrow morning. The casket will not be open at the funeral.

### Mrs. Ammann in Chicago.

The Chicago Record of today prints the portrait of Mrs. Alice Ammann of Decatur, who is in charge of the biscuit baking at the corn flour exhibit which is being held at 24 Washington street in Chicago this week. The Record speaks of Mrs. Ammann as the lightning biscuit maker and of her record of being able to turn out 5000 fresh biscuits a day.

### Is Recovering.

H. R. Metlock of South Bend, Ind., who has been seriously ill at St. Mary's hospital, is recovering. Mr. Metlock was taken ill while in the city and has been cared for at St. Mary's hospital. For a time he was in a dangerous condition, but he is now convalescent and will soon be able to return to his home.

### Thumb Cut Off.

Howard Smith, a young man living at Maroa, cut off the thumb of his left hand this morning while cutting grain in a feed cutter. Dr. E. A. Morgan dressed the injury

### Your Grocer

Is anxious to please you. Ask him for Heekin's coffees. If he should not have it in stock he will only too gladly get it for you.

## MUSICAL NEWS.

**Decatur Talent to Give "The Specter Knight" at Monticello—"Chimes."**

Members of the Decatur Musical company and other musicians of the city will give "The Spectre Knight" at Monticello on the evening of February 26. The cast is made up of Mrs. Elizabeth K. Bunn, Misses Stevens and Rick and Messrs. Alexander, Park, Patin, Church and Heilbrun. The members of the company have worked diligently in getting the opera into shape and the rehearsals give every promise of a success for the company and a treat for the people of Monticello.

The "Chimes" was rehearsed last night. This was the first full rehearsal given and the members are very enthusiastic over the results and prospects of its production.

## WEDDING THIS EVENING

**Miss Ida Stair and Robert Durham to be Married at Oreana.**

Miss Ida Stair and Robert Durham will be married at the home of the parents of the bride near Oreana at 8 o'clock this evening. Decatur friends who will witness the ceremony are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Hoffman and family, Miss Rose Marrow and Miss Jennie Drew.

# AN OLD QUARREL

**Renewed by a Law Suit in Justice Court.**

## PEACE WARRANT ISSUED

**William Riley Complains that Parker Thomas Threatened to Kill Him — Tried Before Justice Hardy.**

In Justice Hardy's court this afternoon the case of the People vs. Parker Thomas came up. The defendant is charged with having threatened to kill William Riley and the complaining witness wants Thomas put under a peace bond.

Both men are well known farmes living in South Macon township. The trouble between them dates back some time. Several years ago the two men had a case in court. About three months ago some of Riley's cattle were in the road and wandered on Thomas' place. The latter took up the cattle and tried to make Thomas pay damages, but Riley brought a replevin suit and won. There has for several years been a trouble existing between the two men.

It is now alleged that when the men met on the road on February 3, Thomas wanted to whip Riley and threatened to kill him. Riley swore out a peace warrant which action resulted in the trial today. A. H. Mills was assisted in the prosecution by W. F. Redmon and Attorney John Fitzgerald appeared for the defendant. The trial will probably come to a close some time this afternoon.

## KLONDIKE'S RIVAL.

**Ore Assaying $15,000 Per Ton Discovered in Mexico.**

Chihuahua, Mex., Feb. 16.—A stir has been created in mining circles of this state over the discovery by a Mexican of a gold vein eight miles south of Corralitos, the ore of which assays over $15,000 per ton. The vein is large, and can be easily worked. This is the second rich gold discovery that has been made in that locality in the past few weeks.

### Will Go to New York.

Miss Clara McCoy of the millinery department of Linn & Scruggs and A. Weber, general buyer for the firm will leave on Friday for New York, where they will remain for some time, gathering the latest in spring ideas in millinery and dry goods.

### Married by Judge Hammer.

At 11:30 o'clock this morning at his office in the court house Judge Hammer married Arthur Jump and Miss Ruth Davis, both well known residents of Austin township. The wedding was witnessed by a number of the friends of the couple.

### 35 cts.

Buys a pound of Kin-Hee Coffee.

### The Holdens.

The favorite Holden Comedy company will be at the Grand four nights next week, beginning Wednesday evening, giving a round of popular plays at people's prices.

### Buy the Best.

Heekin's coffee is the best.

### No Business in Court.

The circuit court convened this morning at 9 o'clock but as none of the cases were ready for trial an adjournment was taken until tomorrow morning.

### Joy in the Household.

When you use Heekin's High Grade Coffee.—

# CHICKEN THIEVES

**Have Again Been Robbing the Hen Roosts.**

## FORTY FOWLS WERE STOLEN

**Last Night from Mrs. John Scherer Living on East Decatur Street —No Arrests Have Been Made.**

During the past few months the residents of this city have been greatly annoyed by the raids made on their chicken houses. Thieves have been operating in all parts of the city and a large number of fowls have been stolen. Last night thieves broke into the chicken house of Mrs John Scherer, living at 946 East Decatur street. The lock on the door was broken and 40 chickens were stolen. The matter was reported to the police but as yet no arrests have made.

The thieves who steal the chickens generally do not take more than enough to make the offense petit larceny if they should be caught and in that case they do not care much if they are made to serve a jail sentence. According to the new decision of the supreme court of this state the stealing of fowls from a chicken house is burglary and hereafter any of the chicken thieves who are caught are liable to go to the penitentiary.

There has been an unusually large amount of chicken stealing going on and the theft last night was the greatest that has been committed at one place, and if the thief is caught it will probably go hard with him. One man was indicated by the last grand jury for stealing chickens.

## STUDENTS GAIN A POINT.

**The Supreme Court of Illinois Modifies Its Rule.**

Springfield, Ill., Feb. 16.—The supreme court has modified section 5 of rule 39, relating to the preliminary qualifications of applicants for admission to the bar. The rule, which was adopted by the court last November, stipulated that all applicants should possess at least a High school education, and should have received instructions equivalent to that of a graduate of a high school. The provision which amends is as follows:

"Provided that no applicant for admission to the bar, who entered upon his regular course of study before the adoption of the rule and who shall have prosecuted the same continuously until the making of his application, shall be subjected to any test as to his preliminary general education."

## AFTER WARNER'S PLACE.

**There are Others Who Want to Go to Congress.**

Bloomington, Ill., Feb. 16.—The Congressional contest in this district has already begun in earnest. Benjamin F. Funk of Bloomington, ex-congressman, has for months been recognized as a candidate for the Republican nomination. To-day another Republican McLean county candidate appeared in the person of John A Sterling of this city. Vespacian Warner of De Witt county, present congressman, is a candidate for re election, and it is certain that Senator Dunlap of Champaign will be a candidate. Sterling is 40 years old, is a lawyer, and has been state's attorney of this county.

### '98 Class Pins.

The paramount question in the senior class at the High school is the selection of a class pin. Several tasty and handsome samples have been received and it is thought a selection will be made in a few weeks.

### Recovered from Tonsilitis

H. C. Anthony has recovered from a severe attack of tonsilitis which has kept him confined to his home for the past week and is again at his place of business

### Good Judgment

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## EVIDENCES OF DIABO

**Admiral Sicard Has A quiry for a Promp**

**President McKinley in Receipt o pathy--Sentiment at Havana Americans"--Experts Say E Accidental--Spain Alarme Safety of the Viscaya--C bee's Warning to Long--Tanner's**

Key West, Fla., Feb. 17.—The steamer Olivett has just returned from Havana, bringing the survivors of the Maine disaster. One of the passengers reports that divers who have been working about the battleship's bottom, discovered a one-eight inch percussion hole in one of the plates. Admiral Manterola summoned Captain Sigsbee to appear before Military Judge Pearl to make the necessary deposition. All proofs of torpedo work will be removed.

## EVIDENCE OF TREACHERY.

**Discovery that the Maine was Blown Up by a Torpedo.**

New York, Feb. 17.—A bulletin from Key West has been received indicating evidence of the use of torpedo discovered in the case of the man of war Maine. It was written and sent by Weatherford, the regular Associated Press correspondent at Key West, who went to Havana recently and who left the latter city yesterday (Wednesday) at 8 o'clock p m. on the steamer Olivett

### Explanation.

New York, Feb. 17.—One of the regular staff correspondents of the Associated Press at Key West cabled from there at 11.35 this morning that the report of the finding of a hole in the hull of the Maine, evidently caused by a torpedo, was sent from Havana just before the Olivett left, and from a source regarded to be reliable, but it cannot be verified, owing to the strict censorship at Havana. The report is not verified by the officers of the Maine who arrived at Key West from Havana.

## MEN SAY IT WAS A TORPEDO

**All Talk Freely—Was Placed Before the Maine Arrived.**

Key West, Feb. 17.—Regarding the Maine matter the officers now here are reticent, evidently under orders to keep quiet. The men talk more freely and are almost unanimous in insisting that the explosion was caused by a large torpedo placed before the Maine arrived at Havana. Naval men say that may be possible, but not likely. The Maine's anchorage was designated by buoy set by the harbor officials. The officials, perfectly posted as to the currents and tides, might plant a torpedo at night so it would be under the forward part of the Maine as she swung at her moorings. Once planted it could be exploded from shore at any time. This, however, is almost impossible without collusion with the Spanish officials. According to reports the Maine split open forward. It is difficult to see how this result could be attained by a torpedo, but it might result from within.

### Denied by Secretary Long.

Washington, Feb. 17.—The navy department absolutely discredits the story